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**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVALS**

Effective immediately all vessel owners, operators, masters and agents of all commercial vessels inbound from a port or place in a foreign country to a destination within the Seventh Coast Guard District, including a marina, must make arrival notification to the National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC). This shall include certain passenger vessels (yachts) on short international trips.

**Vessels greater than 300 gross tons including privately owned recreational yachts are required to submit an Advance Notice of Arrival (ANOVA) directly to the NVMC** in lieu of sending notification to the Captain of the Port (COTP). ANOVA's for vessels over 300 gross tons sent directly to the COTP are not sent to the NVMC and do not fulfill the vessel's responsibility to comply with the notification requirements referenced above.

The NVMC can be contacted at 1-800-708-9823 or by email at: [sans@nvmc.uscg.gov](mailto:sans@nvmc.uscg.gov) The required forms for reporting arrivals can be found at: <http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/download.html>

**Vessels under 300 gross tons operating within the Seventh Coast Guard District, must continue to send their ANOVA to the cognizant Captain of the Port.** Vessel arrivals in the Miami COTP area of responsibility contact: 305-535-8701 (or) FAX 305-535-8761. This area encompasses from Malabar, Florida to Cape Romano, Florida, including Key West and the Florida Keys.

Vessels failing to provide the required ANOVA shall be directed to remain outside U.S. waters (12 nautical miles) until the vessel provides the required notification to the appropriate entity (NVMC or COTP for vessels under 300gt) and any security issues that would prevent the vessel from entering the port have been resolved by the NVMC and/or the COTP.

During the initial stand up of the NVMC, many vessel owners, master or agents sent informational copies of the ANOVA's to the COTP to facilitate the transfer of information between the NVMC and the COTP. There will be no need to duplicate efforts, if the above mentioned procedure is adhered to. Your help with this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Refer to: (a) 33 CFR 160, Subpart C  
(b) Policy Letter 03-02 CH-1, Dated 18 DEC 03  
(c) Federal Register dated 28 FEB 03 (68 FR 9537 - 9547)

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CAPTAIN OF THE PORT  
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