

Scotch Bonnet 2010

39th Scotch Bonnet Light Race – Genesee Yacht Club – Lake Ontario – June 18-20



Border Security Clearance

Our most current information from U. S. Customs & Border Protection (C&BP) is listed below. Note that Charles Guinta, C&BP intends to talk at our skippers meeting to clarify and answer questions.

C&BP has notified Genesee Yacht Club that boats and crews will not be required to check in with C&BP when they return to the Rochester harbor after participation in the 2009 Scotch Bonnet Light Race provided that the boat and crew:

1. did not stop in Canada for any reason, or
2. did not have contact with a hovering vessel (19 USC 1401(k)).

During the Scotch Bonnet Light Race, a hovering vessel is any vessel that is encountered during the race outside of U.S. waters, including the mark boat at Scotch Bonnet Island. Other race boats are not considered to be hovering vessels. Contact with a hovering vessel includes visiting, delivering or receiving merchandise or passengers outside of U.S. waters. Boats and crews that stopped in Canada or that had contact with a hovering vessel may use the videophone to check in when they return to Rochester. For 2009, the acceptable types of identification are: 1) passport, 2) Nexus Card, 3) active I-68 registration, or 4) enhanced driver's license.

All sailors should have acceptable identification, as noted above, in the event that the boat must stop in Canada for repairs or emergency medical service. Such identification may also be necessary in the event that a boat and crew are compelled to provide assistance to a distressed vessel outside of U.S. waters. In either case, acceptable identification may be required for check in with C&BP using the Rochester Harbor videophone.

