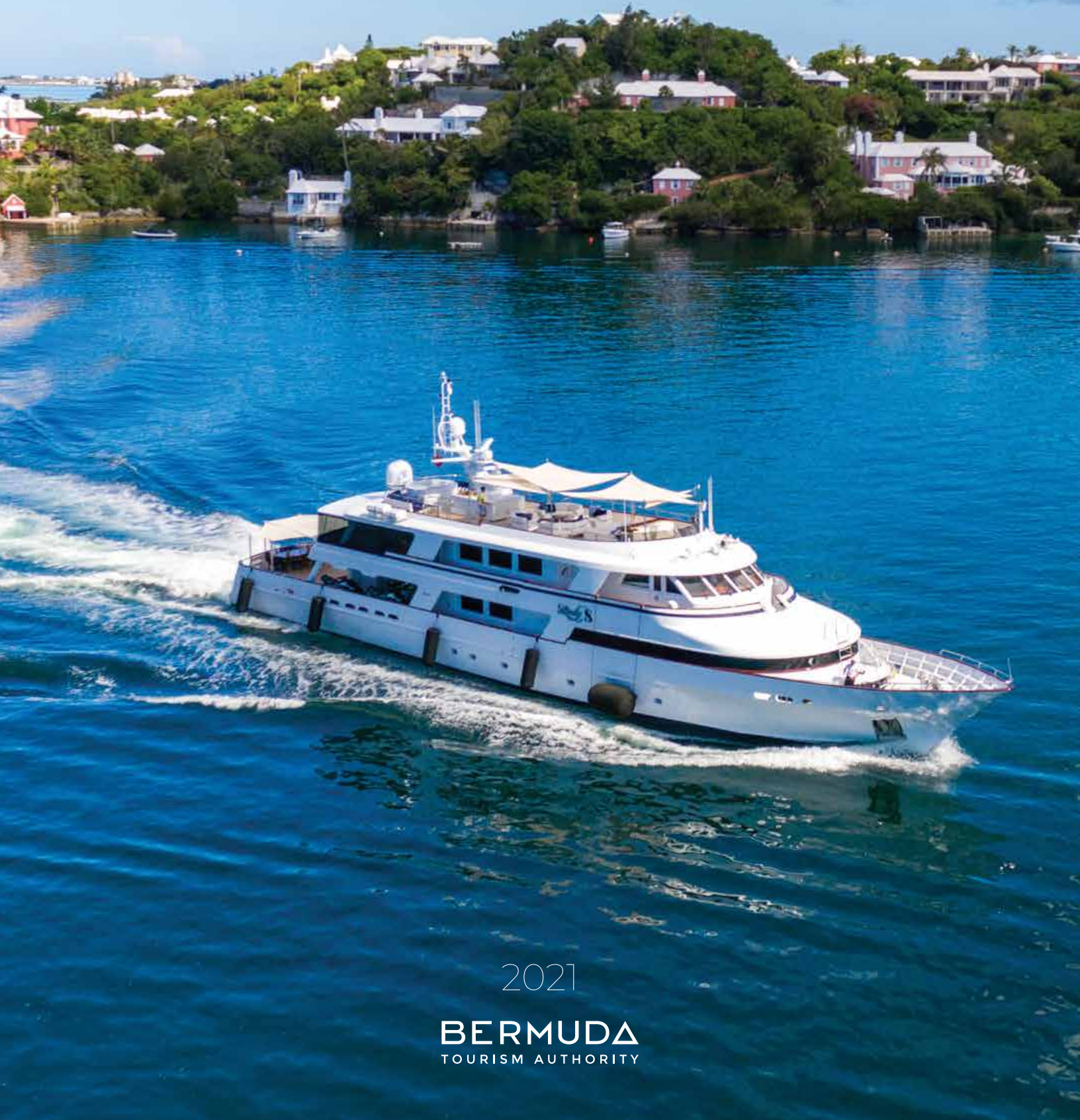


# SUPERYACHT

## Captain Handbook



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## Geography

When approaching Bermuda from the north it must be remembered that reefs extend up to 10 miles from the Island in this direction – consequently it is advisable to keep well to the east and approach St. David’s Head on a course of 226 degrees true. When approaching from the south, St. David’s Head should be safely passed at a distance of one mile or greater, and kept at a bearing of 225 degrees true until St. Catherine’s Point bears non degrees true.

In poor visibility, or when a vessel is having navigation difficulties or problems manoeuvring, the safest direction to approach the Island from is the southeast. It should also be remembered that the 100-fathom line is only 1 to 1.5 miles from shore.

During their approach, vessels should maintain radio contact with Bermuda Harbour Radio, whose staff will normally be able to assist if necessary. If in doubt about approaching Bermuda at night and entering the harbour, vessels are advised to lie offshore until daybreak, or anchor in Five Fathom Hole (32° 23’N 64° 37’W).



Use of the Government Pilot Service is compulsory for commercial vessels, but not for private craft. This service is available during daylight hours only (sunrise to sunset) except in emergencies. Pilotage charges can be obtained from the Department of Marine & Ports Services, T (441) 295.6575. The approach to St. George’s Harbour through Town Cut Channel is not difficult during the day or night provided that a good lookout is kept, large-scale charts are used, and a means of accurately determining the vessel’s position is employed. The latest Notices to Mariners and Local Navigation Warnings for the area should also be noted at the scheduled broadcast times prior to beginning an approach. If you and your crew are tired, or for any reason are not confident about making a safe landfall during the hours of darkness, it is advisable to remain offshore until daybreak. The channels beyond St. George’s Harbour are well marked, and navigation in local waters should present little difficulty in clear weather, with up-to-date large-scale charts. Visiting

vessels are advised, however, not to proceed beyond St. George’s Harbour during the hours of darkness.

Bermuda’s channels are marked by buoys and beacons in accordance with the L.A. region B marking system. Port Hand: Green can buoys numbered evenly and, when lit, displaying a flashing green light. Starboard Hand: Red conical buoys, odd numbers. When lit, flashing red light. Detailed information on approaches, pilotage, channels, etc., may be found in the following publications:

- “West Indies Pilot”, U.S. Sailing Directions, Pub. 147, published in the U.S.
- “West Indies Pilot”, Vol. I, Sailing Directions for Bermuda, published in the United Kingdom.
- “Reed’s Caribbean Almanac”, published in the U.S.

## Communication

When approaching Bermuda from the north it must be remembered that Bermuda Islands have one marine radio communications facility, Bermuda Radio, call sign ZBR, operated by the Bermuda Government.

Bermuda Radio is the Rescue Co-ordination Centre for the Bermuda area maintaining a continuous listening watch on the international distress frequencies of 2182 kHz, 4125 kHz, VHF Channels 16 and 27, and Digital Selective Call frequencies 2187.5 kHz and VHF Channel 70 (MMSI number 003100001). They are in 24-hour contact with Coast Guards and other air-sea rescue centres in North America, Europe and the Caribbean.

T (441) 297.1010 | F (441) 297.1530  
E operations@rccbermuda.bm  
or dutyofficer@marops.bm,  
or INMARSAT C AOR (East) 581431010110  
or INMARSATC AOR (West) 584 431010120.

For more information visit [rccbermuda.bm](http://rccbermuda.bm).

Bermuda Radio broadcasts warnings on matters of navigational safety as well as weather information by voice and Navtex to an internationally published schedule.

Distress, Urgency and Safety traffic is sent on 2182 kHz, VHF Channel 16 and Navtex 518 kHz immediately upon receipt and then repeated at the above times for radiotelephony and Navtex respectively. Weather forecasts and other information are provided upon request. All services from this station are free of charge.

## Immigration | Customs

The port of St. George’s is the main permanent YRC in Bermuda. The clearance facility is located at the eastern end of Ordnance Island. Additionally, there is a

permanent satellite YRC at the Hamilton Princess (only for use by vessels which have prearranged to berth at the Hamilton Princess marina).

Should you have any questions for Bermuda Customs at any time during your stay, they may be contacted directly on VHF Channel 16 or by calling (441) 297-1226. A call to Bermuda Harbour Radio on departure is also requested in the interests of safety. Yachts arriving in Bermuda from overseas ports are normally cleared with a minimum of formality. Upon approach to Bermuda, visiting yachtsmen are required to contact Bermuda Harbour Radio, 30 miles from land, on VHF channel 16 or 27. Vessel details will be required for search and rescue purposes.

Once Bermuda Harbour Radio has been contacted they will guide vessels into St. George’s Harbour, and direct them for Customs clearance berthing. All vessels should enter St. George’s Harbour flying code flag “Q” (the yellow quarantine flag) from a conspicuous position in the rigging, and proceed to the Customs dock which is located on the Northeast corner of Ordnance Island. This flag signal should remain hoisted

until clearance has been granted by Customs. Vessels entering between the hours of 2400 and 0800, Atlantic Standard Time will be directed by Bermuda Harbour Radio to anchor in Powder Hole, in the southeastern section of St. George’s Harbour. Vessels must remain within this sterile anchorage zone until 0800, and are then required to proceed to the YRC for the completion of Customs/Immigration formalities. Vessels anchored in this area remain quarantined and are not to make physical contact with any other vessels or individuals until Customs has conducted its inquiries.

The Customs boarding officer, who normally carries out clearance formalities for all three departments, will bring all other documents required for clearance on board. This fee is to defray, in part, the costs of providing the Customs clearance facility, the Bermuda Marine Rescue Services, the Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Bermuda Radio and local aids to navigation. The Customs boarding officer will collect the fee as part of the clearance procedure. A Bermuda Government official receipt must be issued. Children under the age of 2 years are exempt.



## Passports | Citizenship

The port of St. George's is the main permanent YRCA passport is the document for entry into Bermuda and is required of all visitors from countries that require a passport for re-entry purposes or for entry through another country to which the passenger has right of entry, as required by Bermuda Immigration authorities. This applies to adults and children, whether travelling alone or with their parents. From 1st of March 2014, Bermuda entry visas and visa waivers were no longer required for tourist or business visitors. Visitors from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, or the European Union must carry a machine-readable passport from their own country.

Whatever the visitor's country of origin, these four points should be stressed:

- Foreign citizens not in possession of a passport may be refused entry into Bermuda.

- Driver's licence is not acceptable as proof of citizenship.
- Neither Bermuda nor U.S. Immigration authorities accept a notarised copy of a hospital birth certificate, or similar non-governmental document as proof of citizenship.
- Married women whose identification documents are in their maiden name, but who are travelling under their married name, should also carry their marriage certificate, or a certified copy, as further proof of identity.



All travellers must carry with them proof of citizenship and personal identification (including photo ID) relevant to a return to their own country or for re-entry through another foreign country, as required by Bermuda Immigration authorities. This applies to adults and children, whether travelling alone or with their parents.

Visitors from the United States of America must present any one of the following items of identification:

- U.S. passport (if expired it should be of sufficiently recent vintage so that the photograph resembles the bearer).
- Birth certificate with a raised seal or official stamp issued by a competent municipal authority, or a certified copy, with photo ID. Photo ID is often not available for children aged 16 years or under who are travelling with their parents.
- U.S. re-entry permit.
- U.S. Naturalisation Certificate.
- U.S. Permanent Resident Card (refer also to Visas).

Visitors from Canada must present any one of the following items of identification:

- Valid Canadian passport.
- Birth certificate or certified copy, together with photo ID
- Or, for people born outside of Canada, a Canadian Certificate of Citizenship, or their Permanent Resident Card.

Visitors from the U.K. and Western Europe must present a valid passport of their country. All bona fide visitors are allowed to remain in Bermuda for an initial period determined by the admitting Immigration Officer. An application to extend the length of stay for a yachtsman must be made in person, by appointment, at Immigration Headquarters in Hamilton.

Visiting Yachts and Their Crews Customs may give permission for a vessel to remain in Bermuda waters for an extended period. Yachtsmen are advised not to confuse this permission with the separate and specific permission required, from the Department of Immigration, by each individual to remain in Bermuda beyond the usual 90 days.

During the Hurricane Season, from 1st June to 30th November, visiting yachtsmen may be given permission to stay in Bermuda for up to five months so as to provide safe haven. A yachtsman wishing to avail himself or herself of this privilege must submit, to the Department of Immigration, proof:

- of citizenship
- of the means to repatriate himself or herself by air, should the need arise
- of health insurance

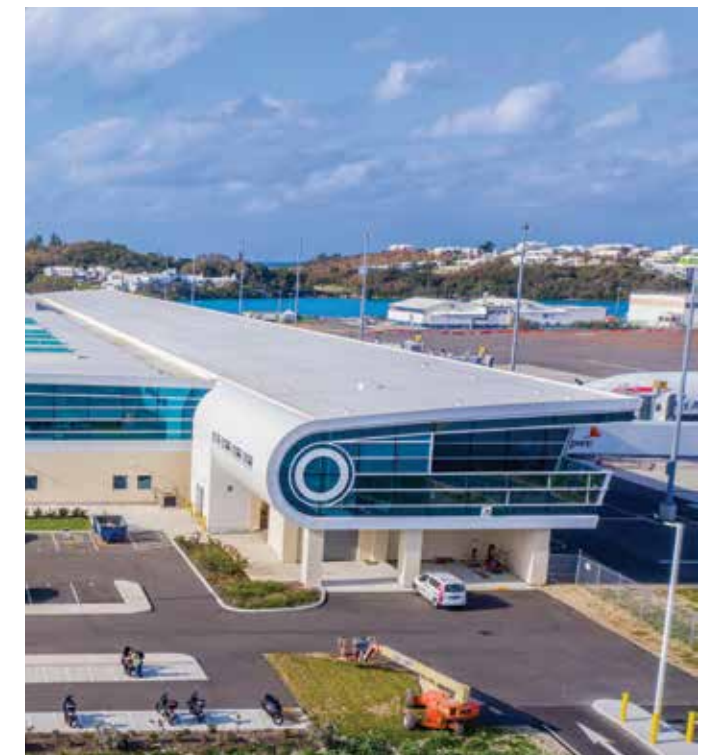
- in writing, that he or she will not seek or take up employment in Bermuda.

### *Crew Arriving by Air*

Visitors entering Bermuda are normally expected to have a return ticket. However, those who wish to fly into Bermuda and depart by yacht should follow this procedure:

The captain of the yacht, should give a letter to each crew member who will be arriving in Bermuda by air on a one-way ticket and leaving on the vessel. The letter should include the full name, date of birth, address and nationality of the crew member, as well as the name of the vessel he or she will be joining. The Landing Permit fee must be paid on arrival at the airport to an Immigration Officer in either U.S. or Bermuda dollars. Cheques should be made payable to the Accountant General.

If a crew member has bought a round-trip airline ticket, he or the skipper or owner of the yacht can contact the Department of Immigration upon arrival in Bermuda and submit written verification that he or she will be leaving by yacht. The Chief Immigration Officer may then validate the airline ticket so that a refund of the return portion can be obtained from the airline concerned. It must be emphasized that the above arrangements should be made directly between the captain of the yacht and the Department of Immigration, on behalf of any crew member concerned. Responsibility for the departure of crew members by yacht or air lies with the captain of the yacht concerned.



## Cruising, Charter and Transit Permits

Visiting superyachts can obtain permits to cruise or charter in Bermuda waters, thanks to a change in the law that took effect in January 2020. Bermuda created the new framework after the success of its America's Cup Superyacht Programme, which attracted 51 participating vessels during the island's successful hosting of the world's largest sailing regatta in 2017.

The Superyachts and Other Vessels (Miscellaneous) Act 2019 was designed with the aim of making Bermuda a cruising destination. It allows superyachts to:

- Acquire transit, cruising and charter permits, depending on length of stay
- Incur no duty if brought in for less than six months by Bermuda resident owners
- Incur no duty to import equipment, furnishings, fittings, and parts while in Bermuda

The Act defines a superyacht as a vessel of more than 24 metres (78 feet) in length. Shorter vessels used for private recreational purposes are defined as pleasure craft. The Act allows for three types of permit:

- Transit permit – for pleasure craft and superyachts visiting Bermuda for up to five days. Permit fee is \$5 per metre.
- Cruising permit – for pleasure craft and superyachts in private use for up to six months for the purposes of pleasure and putting ashore passengers. Permit fee is \$8.50 per metre for superyachts, or \$6.50 for pleasure craft.
- Charter permit – valid for superyachts only for up to six months, may charter in Bermuda for periods of 24 hours or more, no day charters are permitted. Permit costs a one-off fee of \$8.50 per metre, plus 6% of the gross charter fee for each charter.

A vessel that arrives without a cruising or charter permit, but would like to remain longer than five days in Bermuda, may apply for one during the period of the transit permit.

### Exemptions

All visiting vessels are required to have one of these three permits, unless they meet certain exemption conditions including:

- Arriving in Bermuda solely by reason of distress or emergency;
- Arriving or travelling on behalf of, or at the expense of, the Government of Bermuda or any foreign government
- For the time being used solely for scientific research or nautical exploration
- If registered by Sail Training International as a sail training vessel
- Participating either as a competitor or support vessel in a sailing race or event approved by the Government of Bermuda

- Arriving solely by reason of assisting in a the salvage of another vessel
- Taking a local pilot if under 50 gross register tons.

### Cruising Permit

Visiting pleasure craft and superyachts in private use (that is in use by the owner, or related to the owning company and their friends and family and without any commercial transaction) may apply for a cruising permit.

- The vessel must be registered as a pleasure craft (vessel) with its flag administration and be holding documentation of this status.
- A “commercial yacht” may apply for a cruising permit provided it is in private use for the duration of their call in Bermuda. This status will be verified by the Bermuda Customs Department on clearance into Bermuda.
- The number of passengers on board must be in accordance with the registration documentation issued by the vessel's Flag Administration. If this is not specified the limit will be 12 passengers.
- Vessels issued with a cruising permit wishing to host a private function with more than the maximum number of passengers allowed on their Certification must hold a valid dispensation issued by their Flag Administration to allow the extra persons; hold an approved stability document which allows for the increased capacity; and have sufficient approved lifesaving appliances for all persons on board.

### Charter Permit

Visiting superyachts wishing to engage in commercial activity (in which passengers pay for transport or service) must obtain a charter permit. They must use a local agent to apply for the permit in advance of their arrival.

The charter permit will be issued by the Customs Department on the approval of the Bermuda Shipping & Maritime Authority and Marine & Ports, once all necessary requirements/conditions have been met. Each vessel must carry documents, issued by the vessel's Flag Administration. Such documents could be, but are not limited to: Certificate of Registry, Certificate of Nationality and Certificate of Documentation. This document must confirm the vessel's registration as a commercial yacht.

- Vessels not registered as a commercial yacht, but which are allowed by their Flag Administration to conduct commercial activities, must hold a valid Certificate of Compliance to one of the commercial codes discussed below. If the Flag Administration of the vessel does not issue a Certificate of Compliance for commercial operations, one can be requested from any of the Bermuda-recognised

certification under commercial yacht codes.

- The vessel shall carry a copy of an acceptable charter agreement or a contract of charter.
- Third-party risk insurance should be in effect, as appropriate for the vessel and personnel.
- Vessels must meet the required conditions for safety certification and safe manning. For further details, see here.
- Superyachts holding a charter permit for a maximum of 12 passengers may only charter for periods of 24 hours or more (no day charters are permitted), but wishing to host a function with more than 12 passengers during the charter period must not exceed the maximum number of passengers allowed on their Safety Certification and must:
  - a. hold a valid dispensation issued by their Flag Administration to allow the extra persons;
  - b. hold an approved stability document which allows for the increased capacity;
  - c. have sufficient approved lifesaving appliances for all persons on board;
  - d. only have social functions with extra persons on board while the vessel is alongside or at anchor; and
  - e. hold a valid Bermuda liquor licence, if applicable.

### How to Apply

For transit permits and cruising permits, application and payment is made at time of arrival in Bermuda when the Customs Department Boarding Officer clears the vessel at the yacht reporting centre. For the cruising permit, it is recommended that you apply in advance through a local agent. To obtain a charter permit, you must apply in advance only through a local agent.

### Authorised Local Agents

**Bermuda Yacht Services**, 9 Ordnance Island, St. George's  
T (441) 297.2798, E info@bdayacht.com, W bdayacht.com

**Meyer Agencies**, 35 Church Street, Hamilton  
T (441) 296.9798, E shipping@meyer.bm, W meyer.bm





## Short Term Docking

The port of St. George's is the main permanent YRC Bermuda has multiple world class marina facilities available to visiting yachts to enjoy your stay in style and comfort. Berthing for yachts is prohibited at all commercial cargo docks in the City of Hamilton and St. George's, except in an emergency.

### HAMILTON PRINCESS MARINA, HAMILTON

The iconic Hamilton Princess & Beach Club overlooks Hamilton Harbour and is known as the "Grand Dame of Bermuda." The recently renovated hotel was originally opened in 1885. The Princess Marina was completed in summer of 2014, and is a state-of-the art, full-service hotel marina with world-class amenities for vessels of all sizes. The 60-berth marina hosts a wide range of vessels, from 30-foot pleasure boats to superyachts spanning 600 feet. The full-service hotel marina offers integrated pump-out facilities, custom-metered electric service, water distribution and plenty of other frills: gourmet catering, high-speed internet access, cable TV and more. You can get island insight from the marina concierge, order room service or schedule an on-board massage.

For more details visit [thehamiltonprincess.com/marina](http://thehamiltonprincess.com/marina), or **E** [Hamilton.Dockmaster@Fairmont.com](mailto:Hamilton.Dockmaster@Fairmont.com) or **T** (441) 705.7431

### CAROLINE BAY MARINA, SOUTHAMPTON

Caroline Bay Marina is a brand new development for summer 2017, located in the Little Sound on the south side of the Caroline Bay Hotel Development. The full service marina will offer roughly 2,340 linear feet of dock space available for up to 30 super-yachts over 100ft in length, and approximately 80 berths are available for smaller vessels and super-yacht tenders.

Visit [carolinebaymarina.com](http://carolinebaymarina.com) for more information on rates and availability.

### ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB, HAMILTON

Established in 1844, the illustrious Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) marina located in the heart of the City of Hamilton has 130 berths and can host yachts up to 150 feet in length. Services for visiting yachts include free Wi-Fi access, secure and controlled marina access, laundry facilities, shower facilities, electric and water, docking services, catering and beverage services and access to Club amenities including terrace restaurant and bar. RBYC also has three guest rooms available for rent, and is walking distance to some of the best eateries and retail in Bermuda.

Visit [rbyc.bm](http://rbyc.bm) for more information, or contact the Marina Manager for availability and rates. **T** (441) 294.6710 | (441) 704 5290 or **E** [marina@rbyc.bm](mailto:marina@rbyc.bm).

### ROYAL HAMILTON AMATEUR DINGHY CLUB, HAMILTON

Situated at the eastern end of the Hamilton Harbour, the historic Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club (RHADC) was founded in 1882. The RHADC marina can welcome up to 60 visiting yachts of up to 100ft. RHADC can provide services including power, water, ice, internet and sewage removal. Visitors also have access to the RHADC Club House with restaurant and bar facilities, boasting some of the most spectacular sunset views down Hamilton Harbour.

For rates and availability, visit the RHADC website [rhadc.bm/marina/visitors](http://rhadc.bm/marina/visitors), or contact the Dockmaster on **T** (441) 538.0050 or **E** [dockmaster@rhadc.bm](mailto:dockmaster@rhadc.bm)

### THE WATERFRONT MARINA, HAMILTON

Located in central Hamilton and nestled within one of Bermuda's most exclusive developments, with 50 berths in total, the Waterfront Marina provides up to 9 berths for visiting yachts up to 135ft in length. Services include electricity, fresh water, internet and television connectivity, a 24 hr self-service fuelling station, security, pump out station and a concierge. Guests can also enjoy exclusive use of a private island for entertainment. There is also immediate access to one of the island's premier supermarkets on the island, the Miles Market.

Visit [thewaterfrontproperties.bm/marina](http://thewaterfrontproperties.bm/marina) for more information, or contact the Dockmaster on **T** (441) 295-1233 ext. 235 or **E** [dockmaster@thewaterfront.bm](mailto:dockmaster@thewaterfront.bm) for availability and rates.

### BERMUDA YACHT SERVICES, ST. GEORGE

Bermuda Yacht Services offers berthing space in the beautiful Town of St. George, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Berth spaces are available at Ordnance Island, Penno's Wharf and Market Wharf, where berths are available both alongside and Med Moor style, and can cater for yachts of all sizes. For those berthing on the docks, there is a yacht information centre and crew lounge located on Ordnance Island with free Wi-Fi. Bermuda Yacht Services is also one of the island's premier yacht agents, and can assist you with any other services you may require during your stay.

For information and reservations, contact Bermuda Yacht Services Ltd.: **W** [bdayacht.com](http://bdayacht.com), **E** [info@bdayacht.com](mailto:info@bdayacht.com), **T** (441) 297.2798.

### PIER 41 MARINA, THE ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD

Located in the magnificent Royal Naval Dockyard's North Camber, offering berthing for ships up to 115

feet, and the facility features secured gate access and a resident dockmaster. Expect shore power, potable water, fuel and pump-out service (by truck), as well as private bathroom, shower and laundry facilities. Wi-Fi access is available for purchase. Restock at the Dockshop Minimart & Chandlery, and book diving, snorkelling or water sports excursions at the Watersports Centre. Historic sites, shopping and restaurants are all within walking distance.

For more information and to enquire about availability and rates, visit **W** [pier41.bm](http://pier41.bm) or **E** [dockmaster@pier41.bm](mailto:dockmaster@pier41.bm) or **T** (441) 238.4141.

### Anchorage Areas

Generally, visiting yachts are free to anchor in any area of the island (provided they are not disrupting marine channels or existing moorings). There are no fees for overnight anchorage in Bermuda. Safe and well-sheltered anchorages with nearby services are available for yachts in both St. George's and Hamilton harbours. Other popular anchoring areas include Mangrove Bay, Somerset, and Castle Harbour, near the exclusive Tuckers Town. Care and caution should always be taken when anchoring, and best practice should be followed. All anchoring is at the boat and captain's own risk. Advice may be obtained at any time by radiotelephone through RCC Bermuda Radio/ZBR.

### Short-Term Dinghy Docking

For visiting yachtsmen that are at anchor, there are a number of options for short-term dinghy docking.

#### In Hamilton Harbour:

- the western end of Barr's Bay Park is available to tie up their dinghies while running errands in the City of Hamilton area.
- There is short-term docking (15 minutes) available at Albuoy's Point or at the Flag Pole berth.
- If you contact the Waterfront Marina in Hamilton, they will normally allow (space permitting) short-term dinghy docking for those accessing the Miles Market or Harry's Bar and Restaurant.
- Island-wide, yacht clubs may be able to offer visiting yachts some short-term dinghy berthing, but requests should always be made in advance.

#### In St. George's Harbour:

- Towne Square is available to tie up their dinghies while running errands.
- Penno's Wharf and Hunter's Wharf are available for Short-term berthing.

#### In the Royal Naval Dockyard:

- There are public tender / dinghy berths (no overnight) available on the slip way in the North Basin.

## Bridge Clearances

The port of St. George's is the main permanent YRC A There are several bridges around the islands which have height restrictions. All the below heights are the maximum at LOW tides.

- The Swing Bridge, Ferry Reach - Max Clearance of 10ft 10inches (3.3 metres) at LOW tide.
- The Long Bird Bridge on the Causeway - Max Clearance of approx. 6ft 6 inches.
- Flatts Bridge, Flatt's Inlet (take great care if passing under the bridge, as extremely strong currents)
- Somerset Bridge
- Watford Bridge
- Grey's Bride - no through passage.
- The Cut Bridge, Cut Wharf (Royal Naval Dockyard) no through passage.

## Local Yacht Agents

The port of St. George's is the main permanent YRC A Yacht agents are highly recommended for visiting yachts to Bermuda. Their local expertise is invaluable in assisting you with everything you may need when here, including entry formalities, provisioning, transportation, dockage and many other needs.

### **Bermuda Yacht Services Ltd.**

**T** (441) 297.2798 **E** info@bdayacht.com

**W** bdayacht.com

### **Hamilton Princess Beach & Club The Princess Marina**

(For yachts in their Marina only)

**T** (441) 295.3000

**E** hamilton.dockmaster@fairmont.com

### **Bermuda Ship Agencies Ltd.**

**T** (441) 705.1366 **E** agents@bermudaports.com

**W** bermudaports.com

### **Caroline Bay Marina**

**T** (441) 707.5423 **E** manager@carolinebaymarina.com

### **Meyer Shipping**

**T** (441) 296.9798 **E** shipping@meyer.bm **W** meyer.bm

## General Facts

### *Currency*

The legal tender in Bermuda is the Bermuda dollar, which trades equivalent to the U.S. dollar. U.S. currency is accepted at shops, restaurants and hotels at equal (face) value. Other foreign currencies are not accepted, except at local banks where they can be exchanged at rates that are set daily.

- Credit cards: MasterCard, Visa and American Express are accepted at virtually every store, restaurant and hotel. Visa and MasterCard may be used for cash advances at all local bank branches. Find 24-hour ATMs at HSBC Bermuda, Butterfield Bank and Clarien Bank. Check convenience stores, gas stations or hotels for the ATM nearest you. Most ATMs dispense only Bermuda dollars. HSBC Bermuda does offer US cash ATMs at their branch locations.
- Traveller's cheques and money orders in U.S. dollars are not accepted in Bermuda.
- Western Union money transfer services are available through Bermudian agent Blue Nile Services, located at 1 Burnaby Street, Hamilton, **T** (441) 249.7905.

### *Cellphone Communications and Internet Access*

Local carriers Digicel and One Communications provide SIM cards that enable visitors to access the excellent local telecommunications network while avoiding roaming charges. WiFi is available at some marinas. Digicel **W** digicelgroup.com/bm/en/mobile or One Communications **W** onecomm.bm.

### *Emergency Services in Port*

Fire, Ambulance or Police Services can be summoned through Bermuda Radio on the VHF radio, or by direct dial to 911 (at no charge) using a local telephone.

### *Medical Facilities*

For medical services while in Bermuda, in particular emergencies, go to the Emergency Department of the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital in Paget East, **T** (441) 236.2345. Phone 911 for ambulance service if required. For minor injuries and illnesses only, in the east end of the Island there is the Lamb Fogo Urgent Care Centre located on Southside, St. David's Island (St. George's Parish), **T** (441) 298.7700. Opening hours: weekdays from 12pm to 8pm; weekends from 9am to 9pm.

### *Transportation*

Bermuda's taxis are easily distinguishable by taxi signs on top, and the T-prefixed licence plate. There are taxi ranks throughout the island, including at many of the main attractions. Note that drivers accept cash only. There are three main dispatch agencies to call a taxi if required, which can meet you at any public dock around the island:

- **Bermuda Island Taxi** **T** (441) 295.4141;
- **BTA (Dispatching) Ltd.** **T** (441) 296.2121
- **Premier Co-op Transportation** **T** (441) 824.7000

A range of two-seater electric minicars are available to rent, including the Renault Twizy from Current Vehicles, the Hummer HXT from Rugged Rentals, the Tazzari from Bermuda Rental Cars and the Bermi from Localmotion.

**Current Vehicles** **T** (441) 296.8949

**W** currentvehicles.com **E** info@currentvehicles.com

**Rugged Rentals** **T** (441) 705.7368

**W** ruggedrentalsbda.com **E** reservations.ruggedrentalsbda@gmail.com

**Bermuda Rental Car** **T** (441) 236.2453

**W** bermudarentalcar.com

**Localmotion** **T** (441) 519.9255

**W** localmotionbda.com

**E** Debbie@localmotionbda.com

Many locals get around on two wheels. Scooters are available to rent from several liveryies on the island.

**Oleander Cycles** **T** (441) 236.2453

**W** oleandercycles.bm

**Elbow Beach Cycles** **T** (441) 296.2300

**W** elbowbeachcycles.bm

**Eve's Cycle Livery** **T** (441) 236.0839 **W** evecycles.com

**Smatt's Cycle Livery** **T** (441) 295.1180

**W** smattscyclelivery.com

Buses and ferries cover the island all year long and, since this is how most locals get around, they're a great

way to get a taste of Bermuda's warm, welcoming culture. For more information visit [gotobermuda.com/transportation](http://gotobermuda.com/transportation).

### *Yellow Pages*

Bermuda has a comprehensive Yellow Pages directory of businesses included in the Bermuda Telephone Directory. This is also available online at [bermudayp.com](http://bermudayp.com).

## Marine Services

### *Boat Yards, Haulage and Slipping Facilities*

There are a number of boatyards in Bermuda, some of which also have facilities for slipping yachts of various sizes. Boatyards with slipping facilities include:

**Mills Creek Marine Ltd.**, Pembroke **T** (441) 292.6094

**Offshore Yachting & Maintenance**, Paget

**T** (441) 236.9464

**SparYard Marine Solutions**, Mangrove Bay

**T** (441) 234.2235

**St. George's Boatyard**, St. George's **T** (441) 297.0877 (large cradle)

**West End Yachts Ltd.**, R.N. Dockyard **T** (441) 234.1303

**Full shipwright facilities:**

**Mills Creek Marine Ltd.\***, Pembroke **T** (441) 292.6094

**West End Yachts Ltd.**, R.N. Dockyard **T** (441) 234.1303

**E** westendyachts@logic.bm

*\*Includes a travel lift for yachts up to 65ft in length and a 35-ton lifting capacity. Specialising in spray painting and fibre glass repairs to all fabrics*

### *Bunkering*

Bermuda has a reputation as a reliable and efficient fuel bunkering stop. There are two bunker fuel suppliers in Bermuda that can provide a number of fuelling options, either ex-pipe or by fuel truck. For the service most suited to your vessel, it is recommended that you contact the fuel companies directly:

#### **RUBIS**

**T** (441) 297.1577 or (441) 234.0233

**E** marinebunkers@RUBiS-bermuda.com

**W** RUBiS-bermuda.com

#### **SOL**

**T** (441) 297.3776 **E** info.bermuda@solpetroleum.com

**W** solpetroleum.com/bermuda

**GAS (LPG) REFILL Bermuda Gas & Utility**, Serpentine Road, Pembroke

**T** (441) 295.3111 gas refill - lpg only

Godet & Young Hardware Store, St. George's

**T** (441) 297.1940 gas refill - lpg only

**Sunshine Gas Ltd.**, City of Hamilton\*

**T** (441) 295.6246 gas refill - lpg only

*\*Enquire ahead of time as two days' notice may be required*

### *Rigging, Sail Makers and Repairs*

Several international races take place every May, June and July. Skippers of privately-owned vessels not participating in a race, who wish to come to Bermuda during these times, should make arrangements well in advance for berthing and other facilities.

#### **Ocean Sails/Doyle Sailmakers Bermuda**

60 Water Street, St. George's

**T** (441) 297.1008 **W** oceansails.com **E** bdasails@ibl.bm or info@oceansail.com

#### **Dockyard Canvas Co., Ltd., R.N. Dockyard**

**T** (441) 234.2678 (Includes marine canvas and upholstery)

### *Engine Repair*

**Mills Creek Mechanical Ltd.**, Pembroke

**T** (441) 535.2334 or 292-6094 **E** millscreek@ibl.bm

**Powell's Marine Limited**, Southside, St. David's

**T** (441) 297.2244 **E** info@powellsmarine.com

**W** powellsmarine.com

**KM Marine, Solutions Ltd.** **T** (441) 542.6193

**Drive Line Marine** **T** (441) 534.7124

**Harrison Marine Repair** (Yanmar), Flatts, Smith's

**T** (441) 295.1781

### *Marine Accessories*

**Captain Smoke's Marina**, St. George's **T** (441) 297.1940

**Dockyard Marina, R.N. Dockyard** **T** (441) 234.0306

**Dowling's Marina**, St. George's **T** (441) 297.1914

**Godet & Young Ltd.**, St. George's **T** (441) 297.1940

**The Marine Locker**, City of Hamilton **T** (441) 295.9950 (Racor fuel representative)

**Ocean Sails/Doyle Sailmakers Bermuda**, St. George's

**T** (441) 297.1008 **W** oceansails.com

**PWs Marine Centre**, Pembroke **T** (441) 295.3232

**E** enquiries@pwmarine.bm

**Robinson's Marina**, Somerset Bridge **T** (441) 234.0709

### *Marine Electrics*

**D.C. Electrics**, 54 Spanish Point Road, Pembroke **T** (441) 292.8566 or (441) 747.0911

**Mills Creek Mechanical Ltd.**, Pembroke

**T** (441) 535.2334 or (441) 292.6094

**Hayward Charters Ltd.** - EPIRB and Flare supply

**T** (441) 236.7420

**Marine & Aerospace Systems Ltd.**- EPIRB and AIS

supply **M** (441) 735.4900



#### Supermarkets

- A-1 Supermarket, Paget T (441) 236.0351
- A-1 Supermarket, Smith's T (441) 236.8763
- Arnold's Family Market, Pembroke T (441) 292.3310
- Lindo's Family Foods, Warwick T (441) 236.1344
- Lindo's Market, Devonshire T (441) 236.5623
- MarketPlace Supermarkets T (441) 292.3163
- Miles Market, Pembroke T (441) 295.1234
- Somers Supermart, St. George's T (441) 297.1177
- Supermart, City of Hamilton T (441) 292.2064

#### Water Supplies

Many of the marinas in Bermuda supply fresh water – ask your marina. There are also a wealth of suppliers of fresh water by truck in Bermuda, direct to the dockside. Consult the Yellow Pages of the Bermuda Telephone Directory – look for “Water Dealers”. If bunkering at SOL or RUBIS, fresh water may be obtained at the same time.

#### Sewage and Trash Disposal

To protect our pristine blue waters, there are important restrictions on the discharge of sewage into Bermuda's waters. Sewage Superyachts (over 80ft) shall not discharge untreated sewage within 12 nautical miles from the nearest land.

Smaller yachts shall abide by the Sewage Management for Boat Owners guidelines, and shall use either shore-based pump out facilities or shall only discharge sewage

when beyond 500 metres from the nearest point of land and when completely outside of enclosed water bodies such as the Great Sound, Little Sound, Harrington Sound and Castle Harbour.

Your marina may have pump-out facilities, or alternatively, for mobile marine pump out barge facilities contact:

Bermuda Sanitation & Engineering Ltd T (441) 293.4357. Alternatively, you can dispose of bagged trash at one of the island's public docks in regular or recycle dustbins provided.

#### WEST END

- Boaz Island / Messina House
- Mangrove Bay Road, Sandys
- Mangrove Bay Wharf, Sandys
- Ely's Harbour
- Evans Bay Wharf
- Jews Bay Wharf
- Bonnell Wharf, Riddell's Bay Road

#### CENTRAL

- Darrell's Wharf Ferry Landing
- Barr's Bay Park, Hamilton

#### EAST END

- **Mid Atlantic Steel Supply Ltd.,**  
Wellington Slip Road, St. George's  
T (441) 595-8078 E [manager@mass.bm](mailto:manager@mass.bm)  
W [massbda.com](http://massbda.com)

## Departing Bermuda

### Marine Departure Weather

By calling T (441) 293.5067 ext. 402, yachtsmen can book presail weather briefings from the meteorologist at the Bermuda Weather Service (BWS), which will normally be scheduled with the regular week day morning weather briefings at 9 :30 a.m. In order to fit with their routine work schedule, all weather briefings from BWS should be booked at least 6 hours in advance, or dial the recorded marine weather forecast and warning numbers (9772 and 9773); BWS also offers the service of telephone briefings and mariners can call in en-route. The mariner may wish to call initially to give their location and destination and then call back in a time designated by the duty forecaster in order to save on phone fees.

The Bermuda Weather Service home page [Wweather.bm](http://Wweather.bm) has detailed marine forecasts, 5-day Marine Forecast Charts for the Western- Mid Atlantic

region, weather radar and local automatic weather station reports. Local weather information is also broadcast on Cable TV Channel 4 and WOW TV Channel 101. RCC Bermuda Radio also transmits local weather information throughout the day on Marine VHF Weather Channel 2. Offshore Waters and High Seas Forecasts are available on request. Contact RCC Bermuda Radio for more information.

The Bermuda Customs YRC at St. George's provides displays of the latest BWS North Atlantic Weather Forecast charts (up to four days ahead), tropical warnings and advisories and Gulf Stream analysis, and can be copied upon request. It is open between 0800 - 2300 daily.

# Adventure Almanac

## BERMUDA BY THE SEASON

### AIR AND WATER TEMPERATURES (°C/°F)

21°/70° 18°/65°	21°/70° 18°/64°	21°/70° 20°/68°	22°/72° 20°/68°	24°/76° 23°/73°	27°/81° 26°/78°	29°/85° 28°/82°	29°/85° 29°/84°	29°/85° 28°/83°	27°/80° 26°/78°	24°/75° 22°/72°	23°/73° 20°/68°
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

GOLF, TENNIS & SPA

CRICKET SEASON *Ultimate Cup Match*

HIKING & CYCLING THE RAILWAY TRAILS

CLIFF JUMPING *Jumping off rocks* ROCK CLIMBING *Deep water soloing*

HORSEBACK RIDING & DOGS ALLOWED ON BEACHES

HORSEBACK RIDING ON TRAILS

GLOW WORM CRUISES *Once a month, 2 to 3 nights after the full moon*

SUNSET CRUISES & BOAT RENTALS

KAYAKING, STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING, JET SKIING, PARASAILING & FLYBOARDING

SAILING

KITE SURFING

DEEP SEA FISHING *Wahoo, yellowfin tuna, marlin in season June/July/Aug*

SPINY LOBSTER SEASON *Lobster dive with locals*

REEF & SHORE FISHING *Spearfish – Catch & cook with locals*

BIRD WATCHING *Rare Cahow*

WHALE WATCHING

### UNDERWATER VISIBILITY (FEET)

175'	175'	175'	175'	125'	100'	100'	75'	100'	100'	125'	175'
SCUBA DIVING <i>With wetsuit</i>				SCUBA DIVING							
SNORKELLING & HELMET DIVING											

°C/°F AVERAGE DAILY HIGH AIR TEMPERATURE  
°C/°F AVERAGE WATER TEMPERATURE



# Bermudaful Days

## Day 1 | Arrive at St. George's Harbour

A UNESCO World Heritage Site and the country's first capital, the Town of St. George is an ideal port of entry, whose harbour has offered a safe yacht anchorage for centuries. The quaint, 17th-century town offers good restaurants, shopping, beaches and scenic walks.

## Day 2 | Golf, diving and beaches at Castle Harbour

One of the most beautiful anchorages in Bermuda, it's also where many high-net-worth individuals from all over the world have homes. Castle Harbour's delights include beautiful beaches, snorkelling, excellent golf, luxury spas and some of the island's best dive sites.

## Day 3 | Explore the reef at North Rock and the Crescent

The barrier reef that surrounds Bermuda extends far to the north: in fact, you can be waist deep in water nine miles out! Superyachts can safely follow the North Channel to get there and find several anchorages in calm water south of North Rock and near the Crescent for great snorkelling.

## Day 4 | Shop and dine in cosmopolitan Hamilton

Head to the City of Hamilton, the island's capital, for a land excursion. There is a great anchorage, west of White's Island, and several options for berthing, including the Hamilton Princess Marina, which has full hotel amenities. Enjoy the shopping, dining and nightlife.

## Day 5 | Explore the Great Sound and Scaur Hill

West from Hamilton is the deep water of the Great Sound, where superyachts can leave the confines of the channel. Anchor northeast of Fort Scaur and take the tender out to explore harbours and shipwrecks. Stop off for lunch and shopping at the Royal Naval Dockyard.

## Day 6 | Close (enough) to town at Granaway Deep

To the southwest of Hamilton Harbour lies the Granaway Deep anchorage. It's a prime spot to explore the islands between Hamilton Harbour and the Great Sound, affectionately known by locals as Paradise Lakes. Also close enough to take the tender to Hamilton.

## Day 7 | Bid farewell at St. George's Harbour

With its easy access to the airport, safe docking and old-world charm, St. George's Harbour is the perfect place to end your Bermuda itinerary. You can provision and bunker fuel in the town, wait for the right weather then slip out by day or night.



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