

Traveling to Mexico With Your Boat

Just the Facts!

Vehicle Documents

- Bring copies, not originals, except as later noted.
- Bring Registration, American Insurance Certs, and Title for Tow Vehicle, Trailer, and Boat. Be organized!
- Make sure all ownership docs show the same Owner – Otherwise include a notarized document stating that the Driver has permission to tow your Boat/Trailer.
- “I, (Boat/Trailer Owner) give permission to (Driver) to transport my (Boat/Trailer, Registration #) to San Carlos via the route of his choosing”

Required Documents

Personal Documents

- Passport!
- Tourist Visa – Fill out and Pick up at the immigration office at KM 21.

Required Documents

Mexican Insurance

- All vehicles must carry Mexican Travel Insurance when traveling in Mexico – Your policy must include Tow Vehicle, Trailer, and Boat.
- Many sources for Mexican Travel Insurance – I use <https://www.budget-insurance.com/budget-locations/craycroft-rd/>, he is a friend and a homeowner in San Carlos.

Required Documents

On-the-Water Insurance

- Mexican Travel Insurance does NOT cover your boat when on the water – Talk with your insurance agent for coverage in Mexican waters!
- US Sailing has policies that provide coverage for competition, and for use in international waters.
 - You will need to provide this information when reserving a slip.

Required Documents

Temporary Import Permit (TIP)

- Boats bigger than 15 feet (4.5 mts) will need a TIP.
 - Permit must be obtained through Banjercito, the official Mexican issuing agency – This can be done ahead of time through the Banjercito website
 - <https://www.banjercito.com.mx/registroVehiculos/#>
- Or in person at the Banjercito office at KM 21.
- The best online tutorial I found is here (Baja specific but useful)-
<https://www.bdoutdoors.com/temporary-boat-importation-permit-mexico/>
 - If you chose to do it in person at the KM 21 facility, leave about 2 hours for the process – You will need to leave your boat at the KM 15 customs inspection station, travel to Banjercito at KM 21 to get the permit, and travel back to KM 15 to show the customs officers your new permit.

Required Documents

Temporary Import Permit Continued

- Documents required for the TIP:
 - Passport of Vessel Owner
 - Registration/Ownership documents for the Vessel and Trailer
 - Motor serial number
 - Leinholder permission if required
 - Online – Credit Card in Vessel Owner's name
 - KM 21 – Cash in Pesos, about \$1000 MXN (\$50.00 US)
- PDFs must be <1 meg if using online.
- Have **originals** and a copy of each document to turn in if using KM 21.

Required Documents

Temporary Import Permit Continued

- Good for 10 years.
- BUT, you must cancel it before you sell the boat!
- Otherwise, the new Owner CANNOT get a TIP.
- Cancel at the Banjercito at KM 21.
- Need to cancel or renew before it expires.
- Can only renew one time per boat/owner.

Required Documents

Peso Exchange

- While many businesses take Dollars, you will usually get the best price paying in Pesos. Highway Toll Booths only take Pesos
- Pesos can be exchanged at your Bank, at a 'Casa de Cambio' on either side of the border, or at a facility in San Carlos
- Most people start the trip with a small supply of Pesos (about \$40 worth) to pay the highway tolls, and use the local bank ATM to get Pesos as needed in San Carlos.
- Talk with your bank about any Foreign Transaction Fees associated with your account.

Peso Exchange

Driving Directions and Suggested Route

- Short answer – Follow Google Maps!

- Long answer – TSC has recently updated our 'Driving to San Carlos' document – super detailed suggestions on getting through the border, the required permit stops, and other helpful hints. Get to the page from the Regatta Event Page -

<https://tucsonailingclub.wildapricot.org/event-3708605>

- The highway is in excellent shape, and the route now avoids Hermosillo entirely.

Travel Route

Boat Launching

- Secure a slip at the Marina office or reserve a space in advance at: www.marinasancarlos.com . Marina office will require a copy of your on-the-water liability insurance.
- At time of check-in secure launching slips for use of the concrete ramp at \$4 for each use (in and out).
- Specify if you wish to have their tractor launch your boat for an additional fee of \$9 each way.
- It is suggested that if you do want to use their tractor that you make prior arrangements by contacting the dry storage facility (Marina Seca) also at: www.marinasancarlos.com. Otherwise it will be on a first come first served basis.
- A crane is also available for launching directly off your trailer at a cost of \$30 each use.

Boat Launching

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- Most Race Participants request a slip on C or D dock just opposite the ramp.
- Many Race Participants utilize the dry storage facility (Marina Seca) to rig their boats prior to launching, launch the boat with the Marina Seca tractor, store their trailer there during the event, and wash down and unrig for the return trip home. Cost is \$3.75 per day.

Boat Launching

Lodging Options

- Budget - Hotel Creston ph. (011-52 622 134 2334)
 - Beach View - Posada Condos - Start line right offshore
<http://www.posadacondominiums.com/inicio/>
 - Los Jitos Hotel -2 minute drive to Posada Beach, 5 to the Marina, under \$45 <http://losjitos.com.mx/en/>
 - Marinaterra Hotel -Right at the Marina www.marinaterra.com , +52 622 225 2020
 - Other options - Barb Reeves - www.casadeamigos.net
- Toll Free 866 759 2761 USA Cell 520 878 6393

Lodging

Regatta Registration Information

Event Page -

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Questions?

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Thanks!

Now go have fun!