

BREXIT CONSEQUENCES FOR UK NATIONAL SEAFARERS



Embarking in Schengen area

Leaving from Schengen area

**Till
31MAR2021**

If arriving from outside Schengen

You will get an entry stamp when arriving EU and will need to get stamped out before consumption of your 90 days allowance

If already in Schengen

As a seafarer, enrolled on a crew list, you are considered to be in transit and covered by your seaman book. No "Out" stamp will be given as you do not hold an "in" stamp = transit status

You will be stamped out at the last Schengen airport or when crossing last terrestrial Schengen border.
No need to stamp in prior.
Currently we cannot get you stamped "in" as this must be done on arrival date and immigration do not anti date.
Due to Covid, non EU nationals cannot be stamped "in" without holding flights to leave Schengen which we must confirm to immigration after flight departure.

**From
01APR2021**

You will get an entry stamp when arriving Schengen and will need to get stamped out before consumption of your 90 days allowance

If arrived in Schengen prior 01JAN2021

You will need to get stamped "in" to Schengen prior leaving the boat for holidays or end of contract.

If arrived after 31MAR2021

You already have an "in" stamp at Schengen arrival. You can get an "out" stamp when embarking a boat. When leaving you need to be stamped back "in". If you opted to stay stamped "in" you must leave prior 90 days consumption.

SEAMAN BOOK :

Seaman book or discharge book can be used to prove seafarer status, without which no 'out' stamp will/should be granted by port immigrations.

In practice immigration do so but we must insist, especially for yachts not using us as agents, that the crew hold a seaman book in order to handle the immigration matters on a legal basis.

90 DAYS ALLOWANCE :

Is per any 180 days running period.

PRIOR STAMP REQUEST IN PORTS :

Most immigrations can do with 24h notice or even less

Some immigration points will ask for 5 workdays notice which is maximum legal notice time.

WHEN STAMPED 'OUT' OF SCHENGEN WHILE WORKING ON A BOAT INSIDE SCHENGEN:

Your Seaman book allows you to circulate shoreside in the port of call and the neighbouring touching towns within same country (Calling last town on a border does not allow you to enter next country).

Some ports, especially larger commercial ports, can have a stricter policy.

At certain times, local authorities can enforce stricter rules.