



## **Advisory Notice to Pleasure Vessel Cruising Permit**

### **The Small Craft (Control) Regulations 2017**

The Small Craft Control Act 2015 came into force on 1 January 2016.

Vessels operating under a cruising permit are required to comply with the Small Craft (Control) Regulations 2017 and related Code of Safety for Small Pleasure Craft (SCC Code 2017), when in Antigua and Barbuda waters. This also includes the duty to report accidents/incidents immediately by completing an incident report form <https://www.abregistry.ag/domestic-vessel-services/legislation/>

The cruising permits issued by Port Authority, or National Parks, are valid for a limited period, up to a maximum of six consecutive months. The six-month limit can be extended by agreement of National Parks and Port Authority. This advisory notice should be attached to the issued cruising permit.

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ADOMS and the ABDF Coast Guard carry out checks for compliance under the law.

The 2017 Regulations and Code be found on ADOMS website, together with Small Craft FAQs. <http://abregistry.ag/domestic-vessel-services>

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