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ARRIVAL GUIDE · ENSENADA, B.C.

BRINGING YOUR YACHT TO ENSENADA.

The documents to carry and the permits you need to enter Mexico by boat — a short reference for U.S. owners and captains heading to the yard.

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Information and printable documents only. Permits are issued by Mexican authorities to the owner or captain.

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BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE DOCK

SIX THINGS TO HAVE ABOARD.

- [ ] **PASSPORTS**
  A valid passport for every person aboard. A passport card is accepted for sea and land travel, but not if anyone plans to fly home.

- [ ] **VESSEL DOCUMENTATION**
  Current USCG Certificate of Documentation or state registration in the owner's name. Carry the original and several copies.

- [ ] **TEMPORARY IMPORT PERMIT**
  Required for vessels over 4.5 m (15 ft). Apply online through Banjercito ahead of your trip, or obtain it in Ensenada on arrival. An existing TIP must still be valid.

- [ ] **CREW LIST**
  Full name, nationality and passport number of everyone aboard. Print several copies — each office keeps one.

- [ ] **AUTHORIZATION LETTER**
  If the owner is not aboard, or the vessel belongs to a company, the captain should carry a notarized letter of authorization. Velport provides a fillable template.

- [ ] **SERIAL NUMBERS**
  Hull identification number plus serial numbers for engines, outboards, dinghy and generator. They are requested for the TIP.

PERMITS AT A GLANCE

ONE FOR YOU. ONE FOR THE BOAT.

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VISITOR PERMIT — PER PERSON

WHO	Every foreign visitor aboard
VALIDITY	Up to 180 days per entry. It cannot be extended or renewed.
WHERE	INM at the port of entry, or online in advance

TIP

TEMPORARY IMPORT PERMIT — PER VESSEL

WHO	Pleasure vessels over 4.5 m (15 ft)
VALIDITY	10 years, with multiple entries and exits
WHERE	Banjercito — online or at the port of entry

OFFICIAL SOURCES

Banjercito
Apply for or renew a vessel TIP
www.gob.mx/banjercito

ANAM — Mexican Customs
TIP rules, validity and fees
www.anam.gob.mx/con-permiso-de-importacion-temporal-expedido-por-banjercito

INM — Immigration
Visitor permit (FMM) online
www.inm.gob.mx/fmme/publico/en/solicitud.html

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