

## **Returning to the U.S.**

- You must depart from an airport of entry. Pilot must fill out one (1) copy of the Bahamas Customs C7 form for the private pilots and turn in the Bahamas Immigration card copy.
- You need a valid Passport to return to the US.
- Non US Citizens with a foreign Passport need to bear their I-94 (Green Immigration Card) with them.
- File an International Flight Plan (800) WX-BRIEF, You must put advise U.S. Customs (ADCUS) in the remark section of your flight plan.
- You must call U.S Customs and make an arrival appointment
- Activate flight plan with Nassau Radio on 124.2, 128.0 or Freeport Radio.
- ...If unable, activate with Miami Radio 126.7 or 122.4. From Bimini, 122.1
- ...Miami Remote no voice, and listen on VOR 116.7. Higher altitudes get better reception.
- Must receive a discrete transponder code from FSS 126.7 Miami Radio 15 minutes
- ...before penetrating the ADIZ. Flight Service is responsible, not Approach Control!
- For flight following, contact Nassau on 121.0 or Miami on 125.7.
- Close your flight plan in the air on 122.2, 122.4, or 126.7. If not able, close at Customs office with (800) WX-BRIEF.
- Land at an Airport of Entry such as MIA, FLL, FXE, PBI or FPR. Take all your baggage and go directly to Customs. Do not overfly the US to another airport unless you have a specific permission to do so.

### **Private pilots visiting The Islands Of The Bahamas should expect the following:**

- No overtime customs fee for private aircraft visiting The Islands Of The Bahamas where the pilot

declares that he/she does not receive any remuneration and the flight is for recreational purpose

- No transire (C38) is needed for private pilots cruising through The Islands Of The Bahamas for pleasure (a copy of the C7A will suffice)
- No tie-down fee -- except in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island
- A flight plan must be filed -- activate prior to entering The Islands Of The Bahamas and close after landing
- All passengers six years and over leaving The Bahamas pay a government Departure Tax of fifteen dollars (\$15) except for Freeport, Grand Bahama Island (private airport), where an additional \$3 airport security fee is applicable.

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