



**National Park Service  
Buck Island Reef National Monument**



**Anchoring Permit Requirements**

1. A copy of a valid vessel registration must be attached to your application.
  - a. If you have resided in the U.S Virgin Islands for 90 days or more you must have a valid Virgin Islands vessel registration.
  - b. If you are not the owner of the vessel you will need to provide a notarized letter from the registered owner given you permission to apply for a Buck Island Reef NM anchoring permit.
2. A copy of a government issued photo identification that has your legal address listed must be attached to your application. The photo must be clearly visible on the copy.
3. If you are submitting an application for a rental vessels and/or bareboat charters the anchoring permit will only be valid for the length of the rental agreement.
4. In order to minimize the impact to the resources and to be in compliance with 36CFR 7.73 (d)(1) vessels over 90 feet in length will not be eligible for an anchoring permit. Applicants for vessels that are over 90 feet in length will have to apply for a special use permit and will be assigned to a designated area to anchor at Buck Island Reef NM.
5. In order to minimize the impact to the resources in compliance with 36CFR 7.73 (d)(1) and to maintain a record of accountability of overnight at activity at Buck Island Reef NM **The following regulations 36CFR 1.6(f) and 36CFR 2.10 will be enforce pending implementation, approval of drafted Superintendent Compendium and public notification.**

An anchoring permit for Buck Island Reef NM does not authorize applicant for overnight use. **Only applicants who have been approved for an anchoring permit are eligible for an overnight special use permit.** Applicants will have to apply for an overnight special use permit. Overnight use for Buck Island Reef NM will only be authorized for a maximum of seven consecutive days within a two week period.

All vessels being utilized for overnight use must be equipped with a holding tank. The requirements for the capacity of the holding tank will depend on the number of crew and/or passengers onboard the vessel, the amount of days of the permit and the number of gallons used per flush. **Remember, it is a violation to discharge sewage overboard when at Buck Island Reef N.M and in U. S. Territorial waters.**

6. Commercial vessels are not eligible to apply for an anchoring permit. Applicants will have to apply for a special use permit and will only be issued for private recreation use only. Commercial vessels that are operating under a paid charter of any type will not qualify for a special use permit. **Please be advised that providing false information or conducting unauthorized commercial activity is a violation.**

**Please provide all information requested to prevent a delay in processing your application.**

**Be advised that processing can take up to five (5) regular business days.**



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**Anchoring Permit Application**



Please complete the application in its entirety to prevent a delay in processing your application. Allow at least five (5) business days for processing. **You will be notified of the disposition of the application and if approved the necessary steps to secure your permit.** A copy of proof a **valid vessel registration** and a copy of a **valid government photo identification that list your legal address** must be submitted with your application.

Owner(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Country and Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Country and Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeport/Marina: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration#: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

**Length is defined as overall length, not the water length. The overall length of your vessel should be listed on your registration.**

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information provided is complete and correct and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this application to: Chief of Law Enforcement Resource and Visitor Protection  
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