

USEFUL INFORMATION IF GOING TO **ESTONIA** AS A TOURIST IN A PLEASURE CRAFT.



Topic	Comment
Demographic data (population/no of clubs/members/boats)	1.3 million inhabitants. Approximately 25-30 harbours for cruising yachts. 11 yacht clubs with estimated 800 members.
Currency	Euros
Formalities, Customs, passport control, visa	Estonia belongs to the Schengen states from the 21.12.2007. <u>Sailing within the Schengen visa zone</u> - carry both the identification document and the documents relevant to water vessel with you because the authorities of Schengen member states have the right to conduct the document check procedure, if necessary. <u>If the yacht has arrived from outside of the Schengen visa zone</u> e.g. from Russia, choose for entering the ports with the border guard points. It does not matter under which country's flag the yacht is sailing because the obligation to notify the border guard point and perform the check applies to all the vessels crossing the border. For more specific visa information check the website of the Police and the Border Guard Board or the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs , call correspondingly +372 612 3000 or +372 6 377 440 or send e-mail ppa@politsei.ee or konsul@vm.ee .
Boat's documents required	While leaving or entering the Schengen area the skipper of the vessel should present to the border guard the boat registration document, ownership documents and proof of act of technical inspection. A crew list (full name, date of birth, passport number) in two copies is required, also.
Insurance	Insurance is required for boats taking part in competitions.
Legislation certificate of competence	ICC is required for drivers of motorised or sailing pleasure craft up to LOA 24m. The driver should be at least 15 years old. Exam should be passed to get the certificate. The certificate is not necessary if 1) sails up to 25m ² or motor up to 25 kW; 2) driving in daytime, good visibility; 3) less than 5 miles from the seashore. Different requirements for jet/scooter-drivers. Visiting sailors must fulfil the requirements of their flag state.
Alcohol limits	It is forbidden to drive craft up to 24 m under influence of narcotic or psychotropic substances. Limit of the level of alcohol in the blood is 0.8/ml. For jet-drivers 0.2/ml. Applies for boats under foreign flag, also.
TSS, esp. new ones	TSS under Estonian jurisdiction is applied in vicinity of Tallinn and is marked on the Charts of Estonia, Vol 1, Gulf of Finland.
Military exercise areas	No special military exercise areas along the coast of Estonia. Information about military exercises is broadcasted by Tallinn Radio.
Major construction sites	No large construction sites in the open sea.
Windfarms	No sea based wind turbines. Yet.
Bridges	No bridges across the sea.
Habitats and other protected areas	Nature protected areas are usually not marked on the sea charts, though there exist lot of them in Estonia. For example, it is prohibited to enter some bays or to go to some islets in Moon Sound in certain periods, e.g. during the nesting time. More information http://geoportaal.maaamet.ee/eng/ .
Flag traditions/ application of flag rules	In Estonia the visiting boats' national rules/requirements are accepted. Guests are expected to fly a courtesy flag under starboard spreader. Times of hoisting and taking down one's own ensign/flag are not strict.
Weather forecast	The weather forecast is available at www.weather.ee ; http://www.weatheronline.in ; www.windfinder.com ; www.yr.no etc. Local weather forecasts - 1650 kHz / ULL 1; 3; 20; 26; 27 Ch at 0633 (LT) 1533 (LT); Navigational warnings - 3310 kHz / ULL 1; 3; 20; 26; 27 Ch at 0233 (UTC); 0633 (UTC); 1033 (UTC); 1433 (UTC); 1833 (UTC); 2233 (UTC).
Harbours	Most harbours, suitable for cruising yachts, have their own homepage. General information about Estonian small harbours is provided at State Port Register .

Swinging mooring buoys for pleasure yachts	Usually not used in the Estonian harbours.
Anchoring and free access ashore	Anchoring is allowed outside the official waterways. Boats usually come to anchor for short stops. Note, that the weather conditions often change rapidly. Access ashore is expected via harbours.
Good harbour manners	In Estonian harbours a quiet environment is expected after 2300. Red/green signs for mooring places are applied only in some harbours. Harbour master / marina manager shall be asked for available place. It is a good idea to call the harbour master to book a berth place and ask for local conditions.
Safety in harbours	Estonian guest harbours are equipped with rescue equipment as fire extinguishers, lifebelts, first aid kits etc. Look for the local signs.
Staying during the winter	Winter storage is possible in several harbours. It should be agreed with the harbour master in advance.
Antifouling regulations	No regulations for pleasure craft, but biocide is allowed to be marketed and used only if it has a licence from the Health Board. During the interim period (until the 13.05.2014) the biocides not included in the biocide directive applications I, IA and IB, but are in accord to the regulation 1451/2007 of the European Commission, are allowed to be sold after registration.
Fuel availability	Fuel (diesel & petrol) is available in larger harbours. In smaller harbours ordering diesel is possible. Tax reduced diesel is not available for pleasure craft. Only pure biodiesel B100 and B5 (diesel fuel containing 5% of biodiesel) may be sold in Estonia. Sellers do not have obligation to inform consumers if 5% biodiesel has been added to the fuel. Consumers can use any mix of biodiesel if they wish to and if they follow the technical parameters of the motors. It is suggested to consult with the provider of the motor if you are going to use biodiesel.
Gas availability	No camping gas. Propane bottles can be changed in special gas stations (in bigger towns).
Pump out stations for fuel and oily water	According to the law, Estonian ports must have facilities for the reception of sewage or have an agreement with the service provider. There are mobile pump out stations in smaller harbours and automatic systems, connected to the canalisation in the larger harbours.
Public transport	The main International Airport is located in the capital, Tallinn and it is very close to the city centre – only 10 minutes drive away. You can rent a car, take a bus or get a taxi to get to the centre. There are 4 other international/public airports in Estonia: in Tartu, Pärnu, Kuressaare (Saaremaa island) and Kärdla (Hiiumaa island). Also, trains, coaches and autobuses, trams and trolleybuses, taxis are used for public transport. Public transport timetables and map of Estonia at http://www.peatus.ee/#route_search/eng
Shopping hours	Opening hours are usually 0900-1800 or 1000-1900, shorter on weekends. Supermarkets stay open till 2300 on weekdays.
Important phone numbers, home pages and useful links	Emergency: 112 Rescue and Coordination Centre JRCC Tallinn: +372 619 1224, call-sign (VHF 16 and 69) Tallinn RESCUE Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre MRSC Kuressaare: +372 440 1300, call-sign (VHF 16 and 69) Kuressaare RESCUE The coastal radio station " Tallinn Radio ", phone: +372 6991170; e-mail: tallinnradio@riks.ee ; www.riks.ee , MMSI: 002 761 000; call sign: Tallinn Radio Channel 16 (156.800 MHz): continuous guard channel, the main channel for transmitting emergencies, call signs and prior notices. At the top of every hour and half-hour there will be 3 minutes of silence online. Channel 69 : the working channel of the national fleet; can also be used for communication with the border guard and the centre of operative information and maritime surveillance. Channels 72 and 77 : for skippers of small crafts. Sail repair: Tiit Haagmaa +372 52 60939 tiit.haagma@mail.ee ; Sailclinic OÜ, +372 55 683 838, www.sailclinic.eu , JK purjeabi OÜ, +372 53 072 241, johannes@saaremaasurf.ee , etc. Motor repair: Impeller Est OÜ, www.impeller.ee , +372 5343 2340, hendrik@impeller.ee ; Paadikeskus, www.paadikeskus.ee , +372 56 44 560, info@paadikeskus.ee ; JMK Marine, www.jmkmarine.ee , +372 50 18 394, jmkmarine@jmkmarine.ee , etc. Equipment: Pirita Paadipood OÜ, www.piritapaadipood.ee , +372 511 9389, info@piritapaadipood.ee ; Pro Marine Trade OÜ, www.promarinetrade.com , +372 56 201 960, info@promarine.ee ; etc. Information about Estonia www.visitestonia.com

<p>Practical advice</p>	<p>Banks: most are open from 0900 to 1800 on weekdays, some offices are also open on Saturday mornings.</p> <p>Bankcards: Most larger hotels, stores and restaurants accept Visa, MasterCard, Eurocard, Diner's Club and American Express. However, it is advisable to carry some cash with you.</p> <p>Currency exchange: all banks offer currency exchange services, exchange offices can also be found in larger hotels, the airport, harbour, railroad station and major shopping centres.</p> <p>Calling: calling to Estonia dial your international access code and 372 for Estonia and then the telephone number. Calling abroad, dial 00 (or +) and the country code. The GSM mobile phone system is available. Please check compatibility with your operator.</p> <p>Medical Services: For entry into Estonia no vaccinations or health certificates are required. Health insurance policy is optional.</p> <p>In case of an accident or sudden illness, call for an ambulance free-of-charge from any phone: 112.</p> <p>Police: Free-of-charge call from any phone: 110.</p> <p>Power Supply: The electricity supply is 220 volts AC, 50 Hz, European-style 2-pin plugs are in use.</p> <p>Public Internet: access points have been set up all over Estonia. Often they are located in local libraries and post offices. There are over 1000 free wireless Internet zones around the country, many of them in rather unexpected places - beaches, Old Town squares, stadiums, and concert halls.</p> <p>Time: Estonia is in the Eastern European Time Zone: UTC + 2 hours. In summer: UTC + 3 hours.</p> <p>Traveller's cheques: can be exchanged in most banks but are less likely to be accepted in shops. Eurocheque is the most widely accepted traveller's cheque.</p>
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