



Convoy Leader Role



PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

1. Receive Convoy Request Forms from Jesse James or YSATT for boats with same departure port and similar departure dates.
2. Make initial contact with participants and provide general information. Communication should be via email or private messenger.

Information to be provided to participants

Information on Maritime Declaration of Health and Float Plan
Route/Fixed waypoints
Convoy Departure Time plus Schedule of Target Times to arrive at each waypoint
(Calculate target times based on anticipated average speed.)
Emphasize need to stay together – *no more than 3 miles* between first and last boat.
Preliminary departure date
Underway communication plan
— Preselected “go to” channel
— Leader is sole contact with TTCG and North Post unless an emergency exists
— May want fixed roll call times

3. Monitor weather forecasts and choose departure date. Nighttime travel is **strongly** encouraged.
4. Notify Jesse James of probable “GO” decision four days before departure, then confirm FINAL “GO” decision two days prior to departure.
5. Send convoy roster to participants.
6. Remind participants to fill out and send Maritime Declaration of Health and Float Plan Forms to YOU as soon as the departure date is confirmed – two days before departure. Also remind participants to contact TTCG and Jesse James immediately upon arrival with Arrival Registration Information.
7. Send all Maritime Declaration of Health and Float Plan Forms to YSATT Convoy Coordinator two days prior to departure.
8. Ensure all participants are aware of all the NEW Health Protocols, practicing of social distancing, wearing of a face mask once in public when they arrive in Trinidad. During this Pandemic of Covid-19 when you arrive in Trinidad you will proceed directly to the quarantine area. Inform TTCG and YSATT – Jesse James that you have arrived via VHF or phone. The Port Health Officer and a certified Boarding Agent will come to the yacht and gather all your boat documents and passports to do your clearance into Trinidad with Customs and Immigration. The Port Health Officer will come and do a health check. All Quarantine Protocols are to be followed you are NOT allowed to leave your vessel. If you need anything or have an emergency please contact TTCG and Jesse James, your marina or YSATT. After the 14 day quarantine, the Port Health Officer will return to do a final health check and any necessary tests. Once all is well he will issue the necessary documents to release you from quarantine.

If anyone has ANY health issues or signs of the COVID-19 Virus they are to contact TTCG, Jesse James from YSATT or their marina IMMEDIATELY. They will then contact the relevant Health Authorities who will then guide you accordingly. No one is allowed to leave the quarantine area WITHOUT the necessary permission from TTCG and final clearance by the Port Health Officer.

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UNDERWAY

1. Monitor position of boats and contact those astray.
2. Encourage use of engines if slower boats are falling behind. *No more than 3 miles* between lead and last boat.
3. Act as sole contact with TTCG and NPR unless an emergency.
- 3a. Notify TTCG and NPR of any significant change to anticipated arrival time at TTCG contact waypoint. Contact NPR via VHF Ch16 when you are approximately 25 miles from the Boca and inform them of your approximate time of arrival. They will then notify the necessary agencies of your arrival.
4. Upon arrival all yachts must proceed to the quarantine area, contact TTCG and Jesse James from YSATT and register your arrival. The Arrival Registration Information needed will be: Name and Registration # of yacht; flag flown; date of arrival; name of captain and crew onboard; nationalities and contact info. Then close off your Float Plan. Jesse James from YSATT or your marina will then ensure that the Port Health Officer and other Government agencies are aware of everyone's arrival and details.

ROUTE WAYPOINTS *NOTE: These waypoints have been provided to the TTCG*

Route 1: Prickly Bay to Trinidad

Meet up: 11° 49' N, 61° 44' W

TTCG contact point: 11° 30' N, 61° 40' W

Between the rigs: 11° 10' N, 61° 35' W

Route 2: Carriacou to Trinidad

Bottom of Grenada: 12° 00' N, 61° 32' W

TTCG contact point: 11° 30' N, 61° 34' W

Between the rigs: 11° 10' N, 61° 35' W

QUESTIONS THAT MAY COME UP

1. May we vary from the waypoints?

Please, no. These waypoints have been provided to the TTCG, and changing them is highly discouraged.

2. How do I keep the boats within the 3-mile distance?

Use the target time to each waypoint, adjusting times and communicating changes underway, if necessary.

Remind participants that if they're not with the group, the TTCG monitoring may not be available.

Underway, use VHF to contact those who go astray. Encourage engine use if boats fall behind.

3. Should we stay off VHF channel 16 to avoid detection?

No.

— The TTCG and NPR will expect you to use channel 16. Only switch if requested by TTCG or NPR.

— Use channel 16 to hail participants and then switch to another channel.

4. Shouldn't we run "dark" and without AIS?

No.

— TTCG and NPR asks us to use both proper navigation lights and AIS.

— Travelling together in convoy, you need to readily see the boats around you.

— The security boats for the rigs monitor AIS and may contact boats if there is a concern.

5. If any questions arise about COVID-19, contact the Ministry of Health at (+1868)877WELL(9355)

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