

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 with link for exchange rates	Euros Daily exchange rates <a href="https://www.eestipank.ee/en/exchange-rates">https://www.eestipank.ee/en/exchange-rates</a>
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. <b>For more specific visa information:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• check the website of the <a href="#">Police and the Border Guard</a> or the <a href="#">Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affair</a>;</li> <li>• call correspondingly +372 612 3000 or +372 6 377 440;</li> <li>• send e-mail <a href="mailto:ppa@politsei.ee">ppa@politsei.ee</a> or <a href="mailto:konsul@vm.ee">konsul@vm.ee</a>.</li> </ul>
Banned substances	Visitors should advise Customs of what they have on board (mostly referring to medicines).
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 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 operators of pleasure craft up to LOA 24m. The operator 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 <sup>2</sup> or motor up to 25 kW; 2) sailing 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 – on the water and on the road	Alcohol limit on the water, for boat drivers (on sailing boats and motor boats): 0.5 mg alcohol in 1 g of blood (ie 0.5/ml) or 0.25 mg alcohol in 1 l of breath; Alcohol limit on the road, for car drivers: 0.2 mg alcohol in 1 g of blood (ie 0.2 m/l) or 0.1 mg alcohol in 1 l of breath.
Legislation re life jackets	The number of life jackets (SOLAS, CE or ISO certificate, at least 100 N) on board should match with the number of persons on board. This requirement is laid down by law and is obligatory for the boat categories A, B, C (suitable for seafaring accordingly at the oceans, open sea and coastal waters).
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 broadcast by Tallinn Radio.
Major construction sites	No large construction sites in the open sea.
Windfarms/wave and tidal energy projects	No sea based wind turbines. Yet.
Bridges	No bridges across the sea.

Fishing equipment	Regulated by the Fishing Rules. Pole with two flags marks the offshore end of the fishing gear. Pole with one flag marks the end closer to the shore. White, yellow, red or orange buoys, with ⚓ at least 15 cm mark the undersurface line of the fishing gear. If the fishing gear is parallel to the shore and if looking from the sea, there should be a one-flag-pole at the right end and a two-flag-pole at the left end of the net. Flag measurements min 20 x 30 cm, red or orange, min height from the surface 0,5 m.
Habitats and other protected areas	Nature protected areas are usually not marked on the sea charts, though a <a href="#">lot of them</a> exist 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 <a href="http://geoportaal.maaamet.ee/eng/">http://geoportaal.maaamet.ee/eng/</a> .
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 ensign/flag are not strict.
Weather forecast	The weather forecast is available at <a href="http://www.ilmateenistus.ee/?lang=en">www.ilmateenistus.ee/?lang=en</a> ; <a href="http://www.weatheronline.in">www.weatheronline.in</a> ; <a href="http://www.windfinder.com">www.windfinder.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.yr.no">www.yr.no</a> etc. Local weather forecasts - 1650 kHz / VHF 1; 3; 20; 26; 27 Ch at 0633 (LT) 1533 (LT); Navigational warnings - 3310 kHz / VHF 1; 3; 20; 26; 27 Ch at 0233 (UTC); 0633 (UTC); 1033 (UTC); 1433 (UTC); 1833 (UTC); 2233 (UTC).
Harbours including approx number of natural harbours	The <b>Estonian Cruising Guide</b> (2015, the third edition, in English) provides information about 50 harbours for small craft in Estonia. In addition, you can find an overview of sailing conditions in Estonia. Most harbours, suitable for cruising yachts, have their own homepage. There are no natural harbours, suitable for cruising yachts, in Estonia. Information about Estonian harbours can be find: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Port Register <a href="http://www.sadamaregister.ee/SadamaRegister/?lang=en">www.sadamaregister.ee/SadamaRegister/?lang=en</a></li> <li>• Enterprise Estonia <a href="http://www.visitestonia.com/en/search?utm_medium=link_harbour&amp;utm_campaign=h_eader&amp;utm_source=ve&amp;category=small_harbour&amp;map_open=false">www.visitestonia.com/en/search?utm_medium=link_harbour&amp;utm_campaign=h_eader&amp;utm_source=ve&amp;category=small_harbour&amp;map_open=false</a></li> </ul>
Mooring booking facilities	Berths in Kärkla Marina and Noblessner harbour can be booked via <a href="http://www.satamapaikka.com">www.satamapaikka.com</a>
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. 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 such as fire extinguishers, lifebelts, first aid kits etc. Look for the local signs.
Rescue Services	Rescue and Coordination Centre <b>JRCC</b> Tallinn: +372 619 1224, call-sign (VHF 16 and 69) Tallinn RESCUE.
Pyrotechnics - legislation re carrying - if flareguns (Very pistols) permitted - if so is licence required? - procedure for disposal	Set of pyrotechnics in recreational boats is laid down by law and depends on the construction category of the boat (A, B, C, D). A- and B-category boats (ocean and open sea) should be equipped with 3 red flares and 3 red parachute flares. C-category boats (coastal) should have 3 red flares on board. For D-category boats flares are not compulsory, but recommended. No special rules for disposal. Carrying flareguns is not regulated by law. Visiting yachts must fulfil the requirements of their flag state. For everyone - it is forbidden to use red (or similar colour) flares and/or parachute flares otherwise than for distress signalling.
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. Biocide is allowed to be marketed and used only if it has a licence from the Health Board.

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 and electricity systems available – necessity for adapters	Gaz/Campingaz is available in Estonia now. Types of bottles available <a href="http://www.campingaz.com/EE/c-538-gas.aspx">www.campingaz.com/EE/c-538-gas.aspx</a> . List of retailers can be seen at <a href="http://www.campingaz.com/EE/t-retailerlocator.aspx">www.campingaz.com/EE/t-retailerlocator.aspx</a> . Not all the Campingaze products are sold in every place. Call beforehand and ask about availability. Spare parts for cartridges and cylinder accessories are available in Tallinn: +372 6 813 139, <a href="mailto:info@matkasport.ee">info@matkasport.ee</a> Propane bottles can be changed in special gas stations (in bigger towns). The electricity supply: 220 volts AC, 50 Hz; European-style 2-pin plugs. Single phase voltage 230 V; 50 Hz, plug types C/F. Three-phase voltage 400 V, 50 Hz, number of wires 4 (not including the earth wire).
Repair and maintenance facilities	<b>Repair of sails:</b> <a href="http://www.revalsails.eu/en">www.revalsails.eu/en</a> , +372 5568 3838; Purjekoda Tiit Haagma +372 526 0939, <a href="mailto:tiit.haagma@mail.ee">tiit.haagma@mail.ee</a> ; <a href="http://www.purjemeistrid.ee">www.purjemeistrid.ee</a> , + 375 50 61 853, <a href="mailto:info@tuss-sails.ee">info@tuss-sails.ee</a> , FB; <b>Repair/maintenance of motors:</b> Impeller EST OÜ, <a href="http://www.impeller.ee">www.impeller.ee</a> , +372 5343 2340, <a href="mailto:hendrik@impeller.ee">hendrik@impeller.ee</a> <b>Yachts Service</b> Tallinn, Pärnu, Haapsalu, Kärdla, <a href="http://www.yachts-service.ee">www.yachts-service.ee</a> , FB
Pump out stations for Sewage and Oily Water	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 canalization in the larger harbours.
Pump out stations – type(s) of nozzle used in the country	A conical rubber nozzle, which fits most deck pump out fittings, is used in the harbours with pump out stations.
Public transport	The main International Airport is located in the capital, Tallinn. It's very close to the city centre – only 10 minutes drive away. You can rent a car, take a bus or 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). Trains, coaches and autobuses, trams and trolleybuses are used for public transport, also. Public transport timetables and map of Estonia at <a href="http://www.peatus.ee/#route_search/eng">www.peatus.ee/#route_search/eng</a>
Major source of charts/pilot books in the country with link	List of retailers of the charts <a href="http://www.vta.ee/navigatsioonikaardid/">www.vta.ee/navigatsioonikaardid/</a> Estonian Cruising Guide (ECG) is available in bigger bookstores <a href="#">Apollo</a> , <a href="#">Rahva Raamat</a> . Additional info about the ECG +372 524 1302.
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	Information hotlines available 24/7: <b>119, 1181</b> or <b>1182</b> Emergency: <b>112</b> Police: <b>110</b> The coastal radio station "Tallinn Radio", phone: +372 6991170; e-mail: <a href="mailto:tallinnradio@riks.ee">tallinnradio@riks.ee</a> ; MMSI: 002 761 000; call sign: Tallinnradio; <a href="http://www.riks.ee/618.html">http://www.riks.ee/618.html</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Channel 16</b> (156.800 MHz): continuous monitoring 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.</li><li>• <b>Channel 69</b>: 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.</li><li>• <b>Channels 72 and 77</b>: for skippers of small craft.</li></ul> Tourist information about Estonia <a href="http://www.visitestonia.com">www.visitestonia.com</a> .

Tick-borne diseases	The number of reported cases has been increasing in Estonia, particularly on the islands. Two kinds of tick-borne diseases: Tick-Borne Encephalitis (TBE) and Lyme Borreliosis. It is possible to vaccinate against the TBE, but there is no vaccine against the Lyme disease. Precautions: tick-bite prevention, tick checks.
Legislation re visiting with pets aboard	Inside the EU (non-commercial movement) cats, dogs and ferrets must be marked by the implantation of a transponder, must be vaccinated against rabies by an authorised veterinarian and must have a European Pet Passport. From outside the EU pet animal (dog, cat or ferret) must, in addition to the above requirements, undergo a rabies antibody titration test and must have Health Certificate and owner's Declaration.
Practical advice and miscellaneous information	<p><b>Banks:</b> most are open from 0900 to 1800 on weekdays, some offices are also open on Saturday mornings.</p> <p><b>Bankcards:</b> 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><b>Currency exchange:</b> all banks offer currency exchange services, exchange offices can also be found in larger hotels, the airport, harbour, rail station and major shopping centres.</p> <p><b>Calling:</b> calling to Estonia dial 00 or + followed by international access code 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><b>Medical Services:</b> For entry into Estonia no vaccinations or health certificates are required. Health insurance policy is optional. In case of an accident or sudden illness, call for an ambulance free-of-charge from any phone: <b>112</b>.</p> <p><b>Police:</b> Free-of-charge call from any phone: <b>110</b>.</p> <p><b>Public Internet:</b> all-areas covering fast cellular data network G4; a free WiFi Internet hotspot at almost every guest harbour, passenger port or airport; Internet access points in libraries, hotels, bars, city parks usually free of charge.</p> <p><b>Time:</b> Estonia is in the Eastern European Time Zone: UTC + 2 hours. In summer: UTC + 3 hours.</p> <p><b>Traveller's cheques:</b> can be exchanged in most banks but are less likely to be accepted in shops. Eurocheque is the most widely accepted traveller's cheque. Carry a small amount of cash in local currency (euros).</p>

*This document does not claim to include all known information on the subjects covered but the compilers and the Baltic Sea Cruising Network (BSCN) believe that the information contained represents a useful aid to those visiting the country by pleasure craft. Visitors should make prudent use of the information available on the websites quoted. No responsibility for loss occasioned to any person acting or refraining from action as a result of the material in this publication is accepted by the compilers or the Baltic Sea Cruising Network.*

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