



National Park Service Buck Island Reef National Monument



2024 Day-Use 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 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. There is no overnight anchorage at Buck Island. Hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round. Closure times are from 5:00 p.m. to 7 a.m. all year.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 day-use activities 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.**
7. Commercial vessels are not eligible to apply for an anchoring permit. 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.



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Please complete the application in its entirety to prevent a delay in processing your application. Allow at least seven (7) business days for processing. **You will be notified of the disposition of the application and if approved the necessary steps to secure your permit. Once approved, the anchoring permit must be renewed annually.** 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. Anchoring permit MUST be present on the vessel when anchored at Buck Island.

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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