

## Travel in Europe Post Brexit

Information from P&O Ferries, RYA, Britannia Rescue, gov.uk, Caravan Club

Please note that many of us have now driven and towed extensively in Europe since Brexit and have not had any issues. However, good to be prepared.

### Documentation needed for driving and trailing abroad:

- Passport - You need to have at least 6 months left on an adult or child passport to travel to most countries in Europe (not including Ireland)
- Driving Licence
- International Driving Permit - You do **not** need an IDP to drive in the EU or Switzerland if you have a photocard driving licence issued in the UK. However, if you'd like one, they are available at the Post Office for £5.50; you'll need a passport photo for your application.
- Bill of Sale and VAT documentation – It is useful to have proof of ownership. Boat insurance should do this, together with your event confirmation document so bring these with you. If you are worried, however, you could ask RS Sailing whether they will provide something generic that states that the VAT was charged and paid on each boat when new. The short-dated return ticket will likely prove that your boat is a UK VAT paid boat, but a photo of your boat and a dated newspaper at a recognisable part of the ferry terminal on the day of departure could provide added reassurance.
- Personal travel insurance **or** European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) **or** UK Global Health Insurance Card. EHIC remain valid until their expiry date within the EU but not in Switzerland. From January 2021 new UK Global Health Insurance Cards will replace UK EHICs and will provide the same access to state medical healthcare within the EU.
- Vehicle/trailer insurance
- Green Cards for vehicle **and** trailer. These are **not** mandatory. A green card is a multi-language hard document that shows you are insured to drive your car in the country that you're visiting. They can be obtained from your insurer or breakdown cover firm – Britannia Rescue provide these to customers f.o.c. Apply now.
- Boat insurance document
- Vehicle registration document for car (V5C/log book)
- GB sticker for car – You do not need a GB sticker if your number plate includes the GB identifier on its own or with the Union flag.

### General Advice for Driving and Trailing Abroad

Get Vehicle breakdown and recovery insurance for car and trailer valid for every country you intend to drive through. As ever, you should check out the specific driving and towing rules for all countries you intend to travel through. For example, to drive in France you'll need to have a reflective jacket and a warning triangle, plus headlight converters to stop you from dazzling oncoming traffic. You can access these rules online. You should have a EU legal trailer.

The RYA offers extremely comprehensive information on trailering at <https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/legal/Web%20Documents/Legal%20Leaflets/Members%20Advice/Trailing/TRAILING%20AND%20ROOF%20RACKING%20THE%20RULES%20AND%20REGULATIONS.pdf>

**More Information:**

Up to date information is available at <https://www.gov.uk/visit-europe>

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