



# KEEPING YOUR BOATING EXPERIENCE FUN AND SAFE NASBLA Seal of Safe Boating Practices

••••• A Checklist from the U.S. Coast Guard and this Company •••••



- I will make sure my passengers and I each have a properly fitted and properly adjusted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket and know how to put it on.
- I understand that my passengers and I should wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times when boating.



- I have assigned one responsible adult to keep track of the whereabouts and safety of each child on board.
- I understand that life jackets sized for adults are unsafe for children.



- I understand when crossing the path of another boat, I should yield to the boat on my right, (starboard).

**- IF I OR THE OTHER BOAT FAIL TO ACT -**



- I understand there is the threat of a collision and it is my responsibility to slow down, steer away and/or stop.



- I understand that when I meet another boat head-on I should steer to the right (starboard).



- I understand that when I overtake another boat I should pass on the left (port) side, leave plenty of room, and yield (give way) to that boat. If conditions require it, I may pass on the right (starboard) side.



- I understand that I must yield (give way) to all boats under sail.



- I understand that under Federal and/or State law it is a crime to operate a boat while persons are sitting on the front (bow), sides (gunwales), rear (stern), or swim platform. This behavior is considered grossly negligent operation of a boat.



- I understand that using alcohol, drugs and certain prescription medications may impair my ability to operate this boat safely.
- I will not operate this boat or allow anyone else to operate this boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



- I will not permit swimming, diving, sliding, or jumping from or near the boat unless the boat motor is turned off, the keys are removed, and I have counted to ten to allow the propeller time to stop spinning.

- I will check to make sure that the water is deep enough before allowing head-first diving from the boat.

- I will instruct my passengers never to dive or jump off of a moving boat.



- I confirm that rental company staff have informed me about local hazards such as shallow water, submerged objects, currents, and weather conditions. A list is attached.



- I acknowledge that rental company staff have explained to me the local laws and regulations that apply to boating in this area. I understand them and will follow them carefully.



- I understand that five short blasts of a horn or whistle signal danger or need for assistance.



- I understand that it is recommended that I take a safe boating course approved by NASBLA through the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Power Squadrons® and individual states which would help me when I rent or operate boats.

# PONTOON/DECK BOAT



- I understand that under Federal and/or State law it is a **crime** to operate a boat while persons are sitting on the front (bow), sides (gunwales), rear (stern), or swim platform. This behavior is considered grossly negligent operation of a boat.



- I understand that there is an awareness zone that includes the front (bow), sides (gunwales), rear (stern) and swim platform, and extends 30 feet behind and around this boat.

- I will educate all of my passengers on the awareness zone, and I will not allow anyone to enter the awareness zone unless the boat motor is turned off, the keys are removed, and I have counted to ten to allow the propeller time to stop spinning.



- I will take a head count to make sure all passengers are present and accounted for before starting the motor.

- I understand that it is particularly dangerous to sit on the front of the platform of this boat, because a slip between the pontoons will "funnel" a passenger into the boat propeller.



- I understand that the motor of this boat produces Carbon Monoxide, a colorless, odorless, and lethal gas that can quickly affect people in the awareness zone.

- I will not use any generator that is not supplied as part of the rental package on this boat.



- I understand that this boat has no brakes, so that stopping quickly may be difficult or impossible if I am going too fast.



- I will not operate this boat at speeds that are unsafe for the conditions.

- I will obey No Wake zones/signs.



- I have been instructed on how to use the navigation lights and anchor lights on this boat and I will display them properly if operating at night or when visibility is poor.



- I will make sure that there is a lookout other than the boat operator whenever passengers or parts of this boat obstruct the operator's view.



- I have been informed of the total capacity of \_\_\_\_ people and \_\_\_\_ lbs of gear for this boat. I will not exceed that limit.

- I understand that overloading this boat is unsafe and against the law.



- I will anchor where it is easy for other boats to see this boat (so long as the area is anchorable).

- I will anchor this boat only from the front (bow).



- I will check to make sure that the water is deep enough before allowing head-first diving from the boat.

- I will instruct my passengers **never** to dive or jump off of a moving boat.

- I will make sure that I, or someone who knows how to operate the boat, remain on board whenever the boat is unanchored.



- I have been instructed on what to do in the case of a person overboard, collision, or other dangerous situation.



- If this boat is equipped with an engine cut-off device, I will use it.

- I have received an operational orientation for this boat and understand that a written manual is on board.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_