



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.

SKI/RUNABOUT



- I understand that this boat is powerful, and that it may be easy to lose control if I go too fast, turn too quickly, or encounter the wake of another boat.



- I understand that this boat has no brakes, so that stopping quickly is difficult or impossible – especially if I am going too fast.
- I will obey No Wake zones/signs.
- I will not operate this boat at speeds that are unsafe for the conditions.



- I understand that those engaged in tow sports – including waterskiing, tubing, and wakeboarding – are not safe in the water unless they are at least 30 feet behind this boat when the motor is in gear.



- I understand that “it takes three to ski” and I will only use this boat for tow sports when there is a look-out in addition to the boat operator.
- I will make sure that there is a look-out other than the boat operator whenever passengers or parts of this boat obstruct the operator’s view.



- I will ensure that those engaged in tow sports wear a properly fitting and properly adjusted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.



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

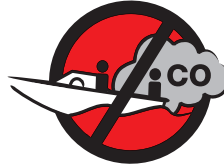


- If this boat is equipped with an engine cut-off device, I will use it.

- I will properly stow all tow sport equipment, especially tow lines, before starting the engine.
- I understand that improperly stowed tow lines, rafts, and tubes can be caught by the wind and cause injuries to boat operators and passengers.



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- 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 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 about 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 understand that it is best for all passengers to remain seated whenever this boat is in motion.



- I will instruct my passengers to stay seated and have a firm grip on the boat.

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



- 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 not engage in tow sports after dark.

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

Signed

Date