

Rental company check-out acknowledgement

Rental company name: Boat Guys Rentals LLC

As the owner/operator/manager of the rental company above, I acknowledge that our check-out and training process for all participants will include, but is not limited to the following items:

General boating safety

1. The vessel must be operated at speeds that are safe for the location and conditions. No weaving through vessels that are underway, stopped, moored, or at anchor, and avoid swimming areas. Scan the area constantly, operate defensively, and avoid aggressive maneuvers.
2. To keep a safe distance away from people, objects, and other vessels. As speed increases, greater distance is needed.
3. Individuals are never to enter the water unless the vessel motor is turned off, the keys are removed, the propeller has stopped spinning, and a lifejacket is worn.
4. Before starting the motor, always do a headcount to make sure all passengers are onboard and visually inspect the area.
5. While the vessel is in motion, passengers must remain seated and away from the front (bow), sides (gunwales), rear (stern/transom), and swim platform.
6. The engine shut-off cord (lanyard) must be attached to the operator's wrist or PDF at all times.
7. Proper procedures to start and stop the engine.
8. Inform passengers of carbon monoxide (CO₂), which is a colorless and odorless gas created by the vessel's motor and generator, and educate them on the CO₂ awareness zone extending 30 feet around the vessel.
9. If refueling is allowed, instruct on proper refueling procedures.
10. If the vessel is inboard or inboard/outboard, provide instructions on using the engine compartment blower.
11. To signal danger or need for assistance, sound five short blasts of the horn or whistle.
12. Most vessels do not have brakes; stopping the engine will not stop the vessel. Stopping quickly will likely be difficult (or impossible) if the vessel is traveling too fast.
13. If anchoring the vessel, do so in a location where others may easily see the vessel. Anchoring should always be done from the bow (front).
14. Navigation rules:
 - When crossing the path of another vessel, always yield to the vessel on your right (starboard).
 - It is the responsibility of the participant/operator to slow down, steer away, or stop to avoid any and all possible collisions.
 - If meeting another vessel head-on, the operator should steer to the right.
 - When overtaking another vessel, it should be done to the left (port side).
 - If renting a powerboat, they must give way/yield to all sailboats.
15. If tubing, skiing, wakeboarding, or knee boarding are allowed, all participants will be instructed of the following rules:
 - People being towed should be kept at a safe distance from the vessel.
 - A spotter must be used while towing people behind the vessel.
 - Tow lines should be outside the vessel and clear of the prop so that when towing begins, the tow line cannot catch any participant in the vessel. When tow activities have ceased, tow lines are to be properly stowed aboard the vessel before starting the engine.
16. Point out the company and manufacturer safety stickers and advise of their content.
17. Provide instruction in case of a capsizing of the vessel.

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Personal watercraft (PWC safety)

1. It is highly recommended that a wetsuit or wetsuit bottom be worn while operating or riding on a PWC for protection, and always turn off the engine if anyone is near the rear of the PWC. There is a serious risk of water being forced into lower body openings of both males and females as a result of falling into the water or being near the PWC jet thrust nozzle. The throttle should never be applied when anyone is in the water near the rear of the PWC. Normal swimwear does not protect against this forceful water entry.
2. The jet drive intake has tremendous suction and will pull loose items (i.e. long hair, sand, stones, fishing line, loose clothing, or life jacket straps) through the jet drive. Participants must keep these objects away from the intake grate.
3. A life jacket with a kill switch lanyard attached must be worn at all times.
4. Horseplay is not allowed. In addition to the safety aspects in the General Boating Safety Section, no spraying or splashing others, or wake/wave jumping is allowed.
5. Stopping the engine will not stop the forward motion of the PWC, and the steering control is lost when the throttle is released or when the engine is turned off.
6. Correct procedure to upright a capsized PWC – Make all participants aware that the PWC may have a decal at the bottom or rear of the vessel that indicates the direction to roll the PWC to return it to an upright position.

Houseboat and pontoon safety

1. Keep all hands and fingers free from gates and hinges when exiting the vessel.
2. Proper use of navigation and anchor lights is required.
3. While underway, all gates must be closed and all participants must be seated inside the gated area.
4. Towing of other vessels is not permitted.
5. If equipped with an upper deck:
 - No one is allowed on the upper deck while the vessel is underway. Jumping is not permitted from the upper deck.
 - A spotter must be present if the vessel has an upper deck or slide.

Operation procedures

The rental facility will:

1. Require the renter and all participants to sign all rental forms, including the rental agreement, rental release, and participant checkout form. There are to be no additional participants, passengers, or riders on the vessel after check-out.
2. Not rent or allow operation of the vessel by anyone who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
3. Do not allow vessel operation from dusk to dawn.
4. Provide participants with information regarding local waters, navigational markers, and warnings about any areas that should be avoided or could be hazardous.
5. Provide contact information for on-the-water assistance.

Notice

This document does not in any way amend or modify any legal requirements you have as the rental facility or livery, and it is your burden to comply with all legal requirements. By providing this information, no legal liability or extra-contractual coverage is created or accepted beyond the limits of coverage afforded by your policy.

On behalf of the rental company, the signatory below acknowledges the rental company will use a company-accepted checkout form for all rentals.

Signature of rental company owner/operator/manager:



Date: 01/20/24

Participant check-out acknowledgement

This form must be kept on file for seven (7) years.

Rental company name:		
Renter name:		Boat rented:
Date: <small>Month Day Year</small>	Time out:	Time returned:
Boat rental check-out and training		
General boating safety		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Maintaining safe speed/monitor surroundings/drive defensively/no aggressive maneuvers2. Maintaining a safe distance from other boats, objects and people3. Do not enter the water without a lifejacket on, engine turned off and key removed4. Conduct a head count before starting the engine5. Always remain seated while the boat is in motion6. Absolutely no sitting on the bow, sides or stern7. Importance of attaching the engine shut-off cord/lanyard8. Engine start and shut-off procedures9. Dangers of CO210. Refueling procedures and engine blower use (if applicable)11. Sound five blasts of the horn or whistle to signal danger or need for assistance12. Boats do not have brakes – stopping the engine will not stop the boat13. Proper boat anchoring procedures (if applicable)14. Navigation rules – local laws, regulations, hazards and navigational markers15. Towing sports safety, if allowed (i.e. water skiing, wake boarding, tubing)16. Review the company and manufacturer safety stickers and content17. How to respond to a capsized vessel		
Pontoon boat		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Keeping fingers free from gates and hinges when exiting the boat2. Keeping gates closed and participants seated inside the gated area at all times when the engine is running3. If the boat has an upper deck:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No one is allowed on the upper deck while the engine is running• No jumping from the upper deck• A spotter must be present when participants are on the upper deck or using the slide		



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- 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 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.

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- 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 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 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.



- 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.

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- 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 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 agree and understand

1. I have received sufficient instruction and training, including, but not limited to, the pertinent areas listed above. I am prepared to safely operate the rented boat.
2. All participants must complete and sign all rental forms; there are to be no additional participants after the checkout procedure is completed.
3. Operation of the boat is not allowed by anyone that is under the influence of any legal or illegal drugs or alcohol.
4. No boat operation from dusk to dawn.
5. In addition to the terms noted above, I have been given an opportunity to ask any additional questions regarding the operation of the rented boat.
6. I have been provided emergency contact information.

Signatures

Renters emergency contact information, name, and phone number

Name (please print)	Signature	Name (please print)
Name (please print)	Signature	Name (please print)
Name (please print)	Signature	Name (please print)

