

SMALL BOAT RENTAL EVALUATION GUIDE

Reference:

33 CFR 183.23	46 CFR 25.5
33 CFR 175.15	33 CFR 183
33 CFR 175.21	Federal Motor Veh. Safety Std. 108
OPNAVINST 5100.25A	Accepted Safety Practices
33 CFR 175.110	33 CFR 175.201
46 CFR 25.35	33 USC 2033
46 CFR 25.30.5	

A. Requirements:

1. Is a load-capacity plate with occupancy limits (i.e., weight and number of persons and horse power) posted in each boat? (Yes No)

2. Personal Floatation Devices:

a. Is an approved wearable Coast Guard personal flotation device (PFD) (Type I, II, III, or V) provided for each occupant? (Yes No)

b. For boats 16 feet or longer, is a Type IV provided? (Yes No)

c. Are PFD's free of rips, tears, or any other unserviceable conditions? (Yes No)

d. Are patrons required to wear the issued PFD's underway in boats under 16 ft, in boats dependent on crew weight for stability, and while training and at night? (Yes No)

3. Are all motorboats (except outboard and diesel) installed with a Coast Guard approved carburetor backfire flame arrestor? (Yes No)

4. Visual Signals:

a. Do boats (16') used on coastal waters and the Great Lakes carry 3 day-time and 3 night-time visual distress signals? (Yes No)

b. When boats are used on coastal waters and the Great Lakes between sunset and sunrise and are less than 16 feet in length, are they provided with night-time visual distress signals? (Yes No)

c. Are shelf-life dates for pyrotechnic signals current? (Yes No)

5. Is a Coast Guard or Underwriter's Laboratories (marine type) fire extinguisher provided on boats (Yes No)

with enclosed or permanently installed gas tanks?

6. When a boat has an enclosed gasoline engine, is it equipped with a ventilation system? (Yes No)

7. Are boats less than 65 feet in length provided with a whistle or horn? (Yes No)

8. Are boats that are used between sunset and sunrise equipped with lights? (Yes No)

9. When swamped can boats float and support occupants? (Yes No)

10. Do all operating lights on each boat trailer work properly (i.e. no broken taillight lenses, loose or broken wires, etc.)? (Yes No)

11. Qualification Training:

a. Does the facility manager provide a briefing or handout consisting of operating instructions, rules of the road, and safety procedures prior to renting or loaning a recreational boat? (Yes No)

b. Does he determine the user's knowledge and skill with a test or some other method? (Yes No)

B. Recommendations:

1. Flares:

a. Are flares stored in ammo boxes or manufacturer Designed container while in the facility? (Yes No)

b. Is a fire symbol located on the outside door? (Yes No)

c. Are no smoking signs posted? (Yes No)

2. Is a pre-seasonal safety survey and daily inspection of boats performed by qualified personnel? (Yes No)

3. Are boaters required to leave a float plan (departure, destination, and time of return)? (Yes No)