



FWC LIVERY INFO 2024

What is a “Livery”?

- A livery is defined in section [327.54, Florida Statute](#), as:
- A person, corporation, company, business, or entity;
- that advertises a livery vessel for use by another;
- in exchange for any type of consideration; and
- does not provide the renter or lessee with a captain, crew, or any type of staff or personnel to operate, oversee, maintain, or manage the vessel.
- *Note: A vessel rented or leased by a livery is a livery vessel as defined in [FS 327.02, F.S.](#)
- The term “Bareboat” is not defined or used in Florida Statutes.



What is NOT a Livery?

- “**Livery Vessel**” means a vessel leased, rented, or chartered to another for consideration.

A livery is not:

- A public or private school or postsecondary institution located within Florida.
- A vessel that was not advertised AND was loaned to someone who the vessel owner knows, regardless of whether consideration was given.
- A rented vessel if the renter is provided a captain, crew, or any type of staff or personnel to operate, oversee, maintain, or manage the vessel.



Livery Permit

- 327.54(2) A livery may not offer a vessel for lease or rent without first being issued a no-cost livery permit by the commission.
- The permit must be renewed annually.
- To qualify for issuance or renewal of a livery permit, an applicant must provide the commission with a list of all vessels offered by the livery for lease or rent by another, have valid insurance pursuant to subsection (7)(((\$500,000 per person & 1M per event)
- Have an amount of United States Coast Guard approved lawful personal floatation devices on site sufficient to accommodate the capacity of all vessels offered by the livery for rent or lease.



Livery Permit Cont'd

- Have on site all safety equipment required by s. 327.50 and the Code of Federal Regulations sufficient to equip all vessels offered by the livery for rent or lease.
- Display the information required by paragraph (3) (f). (Yellow Signage)
- If, before the annual renewal of the permit, the information required by this subsection changes, the livery must provide the commission with the updated information within 10 days after the change.



Livery Permit Certification



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

LIVERY PERMIT CERTIFICATION

I have requested issuance of a livery permit from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in accordance with section 327.54, Florida Statutes, or I am the legal representative and agent of an entity seeking issuance of a livery permit.

In accordance with that statute, I hereby certify and attest the following:

1. The livery offers _____ vessels for lease or rent to others. (If vessels are offered for lease or rent at more than one location, please list all locations below and the number of vessels available for lease or rent to others at each location (if more space is needed, please attach additional pages):

2. The total capacity (number of persons which can be seated on a vessel) of all vessels available for lease or rent by the livery is _____. (If vessels are offered for lease or rent at more than one location, please list all locations below and the total capacity of all vessels available for lease or rent to others at each location (if more space is needed, please attach additional pages):

3. The livery possesses and maintains on site a total of _____ lawful United States Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices. (If vessels are offered for lease or rent at more than one location, please list all locations below and the total number of lawful United States Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices at each location (if more space is needed, please attach additional pages):

4. At each site where the livery offers vessels for rent or lease to others, the livery maintains all safety equipment required by section 327.50, Florida Statutes and the Code of Federal Regulations sufficient to equip all vessels offered by the livery for rent or lease by another at that location.

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5. The livery maintains the necessary signage for the vessels rented at each location where it does business, in accordance with Rule 68D-34.004, Florida Administrative Code.
6. (Initial to indicate the type of coverage held by the livery)
_____ The livery has and will maintain in full force and effect insurance coverage from a licensed insurance carrier operating in the State of Florida which insures the livery and the renter against accident, loss, injury, property damage, or other casualty caused by or resulting from the operation of the livery vessel at the minimum amount of \$500,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per event;

OR

_____ The livery has and will maintain in full force and effect insurance coverage from a licensed insurance carrier operating in the State of Florida which insures the livery against accident, loss, injury, property damage, or other casualty caused by or resulting from the operation of the livery vessel at the minimum amount of \$500,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per event AND the renter is provided the option to purchase coverage from a licensed insurance carrier which insures the renter in the same manner and amounts as the policy obtained by the livery (\$500,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per event). If the renter chooses not to purchase coverage they must complete an attestation as required by section 327.54(7)(b)2.

It is unlawful to falsely sign this document or make a false attestation to the information herein. Any person who knowingly falsifies this document may be subject to penalty in accordance with the law.

I hereby certify and attest that the above information is true and correct.

Signature of livery or livery agent/representative

Printed name of livery or livery agent/representative

Title of livery or livery agent/representative

Date

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Livery Permit Checklist



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Florida Livery Permit Checklist

Name of livery business or individual applicant:

Name:

Business or individual operating as a livery mailing address (primary - if multiple):

Name:
Number and street:
City, State, Zip code:

Contact information*:

Applicant Phone number:
Applicant E-mail:
Applicant Date of Birth (permits will expire annually on this date):

Please initial next to each item you have submitted with this checklist.

	1. List of all vessels offered by the livery for lease or rent
	2. Proof of current insurance coverage (minimum \$500,000 per person, \$1 million per incident) as required by section 327.54, Fla. Stat. *Liveries only offering human-powered vessels are exempt from insurance requirement
	For businesses:
	3. Business creation records (such as Articles of Incorporation, State Sumbiz records, etc.)
	4. Current local business license or business tax receipt, if applicable
	For individuals:
	5. A copy of government-issued photographic identification card
	6. Completed and signed Livery Permit Certification form (FWCDLE_312)

* An applicant is not required by law to provide this contact information. Providing the information will help to expedite communications between the program and the individual requesting the permit. Under Florida law, e-mail addresses and phone numbers as well as most other portions of records provided to public agencies are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address or phone number released in response to a public records request, do not include this information. Instead, contact this office in writing.

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Livery Permit

Livery Operator Permit

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

THIS PERMIT DOES NOT ASSURE QUALITY OF THE VESSELS OR EQUIPMENT PROVIDED. IT IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATUTES, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Business Name: Silver Prop DBA SWFLBOATRENTAL.COM

Business Address: 3623 Montclair Cir; North Port, FL 34287

Valid Until 08/22/2024

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Authorized Issuing Agent Signature

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Division of Law Enforcement

Boating and Waterways Section

620 South Meridian Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

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Livery Permit Cont'd

- You may email all forms and documentation to LiveryPermit@myfwc.com or you may send by mail to:
- FWC Boating and Waterways
Attention: Livery Permit
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600
- Livery Operator Permits are issued once all required forms and documentation have been received by FWC.



Livery Rules Explained

A livery may not knowingly lease or rent a vessel to any person:

- When the number of person intended to use the vessel exceeds that of the capacity plate.
- Horsepower of motor exceeds capacity of vessel
- When vessel does not contain required safety equipment
- When vessel is not seaworthy, is a derelict vessel, or is at risk of becoming derelict.
- Unless the livery provides pre-rental or pre-ride instruction in compliance with the commission.



Pre-rental or Pre-ride Instructions

The instructions must include, but need not be limited to:

- Operational characteristics of the vessel to be rented.
- Safe vessel operation and vessel right-of-way.
- The responsibility of the vessel operator for the safe and proper operation of the vessel
- Local characteristics of the waterway (Navigational hazards, boating restricted areas, and water depths)
- Emergency procedures (capsizing, falls overboard, taking on water, and vessel accidents.)



Livery Attestation Form

Any person receiving instruction in the safe handling of livery vessels pursuant to this paragraph must provide the livery with a written statement attesting to each component of the instruction.

- Form must be signed by the individual providing the instruction
- Livery shall maintain the statement form for no less than 90 days.
- *Update* Now two forms one for motorized vessels one for human powered.



Livery Attestation Form



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Livery Pre-Rental and Pre-Ride Instruction
Checklist and Attestation
(Motorized Vessels)

Initials in each block

Renter	Instructor	Operator Responsibility: Operator is responsible for the safe and proper operation of the vessel; Avoid careless, reckless and negligent operation of vessels; Effects of alcohol, controlled substances and stressors
Renter	Instructor	Navigation Rules: Maintain a proper lookout; Keep a safe distance from other vessels and objects; Operate at a safe speed for the conditions; location and environment; Operate in a defensive manner; Requirements to give way to other vessels and vessel right of way
Renter	Instructor	Aids to navigation; buoys and other waterways markers
Renter	Instructor	Special Waterway Hazards: Operate at slow speed minimum wake when within 300 feet or emergency vessels with activated emergency lights or within 300 feet of construction vessels displaying an orange flag
Renter	Instructor	Awareness of changes to weather or water conditions and proper responses to those changes
Renter	Instructor	Requirements for operating a vessel while a person is waterskiing or participating in similar activities identified in s. 327.37, F.S., if applicable.
Renter	Instructor	Propulsion, steering and stopping characteristics of vessels: Discuss in general and as to the specific vessel being leased or rented
Renter	Instructor	Location and content of manufacturer warning labels
Renter	Instructor	Location of and proper use of safety equipment
Renter	Instructor	Boarding, falling off, capsizing, taking on water, re-boarding and emergency procedures for dealing with these situations
Renter	Instructor	Problems seeing other vessels and being seen by them
Renter	Instructor	The dangers of wake or surf jumping and other reckless operations.
Renter	Instructor	Boating safety identification cards, age and engine requirements
Renter	Instructor	Photographic identification
Renter	Instructor	Boating Accidents: Causes and prevention of accidents; Legal requirements: remain on-scene, render assistance, report incident to authorities

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Initials in each block

Renter	Instructor	Florida divers-down warning device requirements
Renter	Instructor	Noise, nuisances and other environmental concerns
Renter	Instructor	Manatee awareness (if applicable to location)
Renter	Instructor	Ecosystem awareness based on local issues
Renter	Instructor	Specific operational characteristics of the vessel being leased or rented
Renter	Instructor	Local characteristics of the waterway where the leased or rented vessel is intended to be operated, to include: Navigational hazards; Boating restricted areas; Water depths
		Personal Watercraft
Renter	Instructor	Specific personal watercraft (PWC) safety requirements: Required to wear PFD; Required use of kill switch lanyard; Location of sound producing device and fire extinguisher; Minimum age to legally operate; Lawful hours of operation
		Off-Site or extended period use
Renter	Instructor	Instruction on care and maintenance of the leased or rented vessel: Fueling and ventilation; Trailing and transporting; Float plans; how and when to complete a float plan; Specific local hazards, e.g.: bodies of water, weather, dams, cold water, commercial vessel traffic
Renter	Instructor	Conducted an on-the-water demonstration and check ride to verify the prospective operator's ability to safely operate the vessel to be leased or rented
		I hereby acknowledge I have provided the required pre-rental and pre-ride instruction as specifically acknowledged above.
Date:	Name of Livery Instructor and signature	
		I hereby acknowledge I have received the required pre-rental and pre-ride instruction as specifically acknowledged above, and I understand the rules and information provided in this orientation.
Date:	Name of Renter and signature	

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Livery Rules Explained

- Livery must display boating safety information in a place visible to the renting public. (Yellow Signage)
- Livery must have written agreement with the renter or lessee. Agreement must include **the name, address, and date of birth** for the renter and the **number of people aboard** the vessel, as well as the **time the vessel is required to be returned to the livery.** Emergency contact name, address, and telephone number.
- Livery shall maintain agreement for no less than 1 year



Livery Rules Explained

Motorboat rental safety



Alcohol and many other drugs are dangerous when combined with boating. Do not operate any boat while impaired by alcohol or drugs.



It is easy to slip and fall into the water if sitting on the front (bow), sides (gunwales), rear (stern) or a swim platform and be severely injured by the boat propeller. Operate at a safe speed and be cautious about proper loading of passengers and gear.



You and your passengers must know the location and proper use of life jackets and other safety equipment for the boat you are renting. It is always best to wear a life jacket when on the water, and children under the age specified by law are required to wear one.



When boating after sunset and before sunrise, or when visibility is poor, your boat must display navigation lights. An anchor light must be displayed if you anchor for the night. Should a problem arise, you must know how to properly use the boat's distress signals.



If the boat is equipped with an ignition kill switch, you should always use it when the boat is underway.



Most boating accidents involve collisions due to operator inattention or carelessness. Be aware of dangers approaching from any direction.



The rules for meeting, passing and crossing paths of other boats are important.



When you meet another boat head-on, you should steer to the right (starboard).



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



Crossing the path of another boat requires that you yield (give way) to the boat on your right (starboard). Any time there is a threat of collision, you must slow down, stop or steer away.



Coming into contact with the boat's propeller is likely to cause serious injury or death. Be careful of people in the water and minimize risk of falls overboard.



Do not let anyone jump, dive or swim from or near the boat unless the motor is turned off, the keys are removed, the propeller has stopped turning and you have checked the water depth.



The boat's motor(s) and other equipment such as generators and appliances produce carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can cause death quickly. Keep everyone away from the boat's exhaust at all times and keep the boat well ventilated.



If someone falls overboard or unexpectedly ends up in the water, you must have a plan. Be prepared to slow down quickly, throw the person a throwable flotation device (unless the person is wearing a life jacket) and approach from downwind or into the current. Help the person into the boat once the motor is turned off.



The boat operator is responsible for damage or injuries caused by the boat's wake if he or she is negligent and fails to operate in a reasonable and prudent manner. You are responsible for the boat's wake.



The rental company has rules aimed at protecting you and your passengers. Understand and follow the rental company's rules and the boating laws that apply to the type of boat you are renting.



Make sure your rental company has explained any specific local boating hazards and regulations so you can avoid problems on the water.



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Personal watercraft/jet boat rental safety



Alcohol and many other drugs are dangerous when combined with any form of boating. Do not operate any boat while impaired by alcohol or drugs.



It is very important to get in the habit of wearing a life jacket while boating. Not only is life jacket wear mandatory for personal watercraft riders, but it is also highly recommended that appropriate protective clothing and footwear are worn.



Securely attach the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your wrist or life jacket and wear it at all times. This will ensure the engine stops should you fall overboard.



Starting and stopping the engine(s) usually requires the push of a button. Stopping the engine will not stop forward motion and will result in the loss of steering.



The throttle controls your speed and the steering wheel or handlebars move the jet thrust nozzle in different directions to steer the boat. Do not decrease throttle when trying to steer, and always remember that boats don't have brakes.



Items such as long hair, loose clothing or life jacket straps can become entangled in moving parts within the water intake grate and cause severe injury or drowning. Stay away from the intake grate.



Do not apply throttle when anyone is at the rear of the boat. Water forced from the jet thrust nozzle can cause serious bodily injury.



Most boating injuries and many deaths are the result of collisions. Learning to avoid collisions will keep your boating experience safe and more enjoyable.



Most boating accidents are due to operator inattention or carelessness. Be aware of dangers approaching from any direction.



Operate at a safe speed while keeping more than enough distance between you and other boats. Remember, the faster you are going the more distance you will travel when trying to react to danger, thus increasing the likelihood of collision and serious bodily injury or death.



It is unsafe and against the law to follow closely behind another boat, to spray another boat or a person, to jump boat wakes close to a boat and to make sharp turns or maneuvers which make it difficult for others to avoid colliding with you.



Personal watercraft and jet boats are not toys. It is important that you avoid aggressive maneuvers, sharp turns or jump waves or wakes. These activities increase the risk of back/spinal injuries (paralysis), facial injuries and broken bones.



For personal watercraft operators, it is important that you follow the proper instructions for righting the boat in the event you capsize in open water. Discuss this with your rental company before going out.



The rental company has rules aimed at protecting you and your passengers. Understand and follow the rental company's rules and the boating laws that apply to the type of boat you are renting.



Make sure your rental company has explained any specific local boating hazards and regulations so you can avoid problems on the water.



There are specific warnings and instructions that apply to the boat you are going to operate. Become familiar with all product labels on the boat and follow the directions.



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FWCDE_314 - Rule 68D-34.004 F.A.C.



Livery Rules Explained

- A livery may not knowingly lease or rent a vessel to a person who is required to comply with s. 327.395 (Boating Safety Education). Unless such person presents the documentation required or meets the exemption.
- If a vessel is unnecessarily overdue more than 4 hours after contract states. Livery must notify law enforcement.
- May not knowingly lease or rent a livery vessel, other than a human-powered vessel, to any person who is under 18 years of age.



Livery Rules Explained: Insurance

A livery may not lease or rent or offer to lease or rent any livery vessel unless the livery:

- Obtains and carries in full force and effect a policy from a licensed insurance carrier in this state which insures the livery against any accident, loss, injury, property damage, or other casualty caused by or resulting from the operation of the livery vessel.
- Policy coverage of at least 500,000 per person and 1 million per event. (proof of insurance upon inspection)
- Provide to each renter the insurance carriers name and address and the policy number.



Insurance Cont'd

And...either

- Obtains and carries in full force and effect a policy from a licensed carrier in this state which insures the renter in the same manner and amounts of the policy obtained by the livery. (Provides carrier name, address, and policy number)

OR

- Presents the renter with the opportunity to purchase coverage which insures the renter in the same manner and amounts of the policy obtained by the livery. (500,000 per person and 1 million per event.)



Insurance Cont'd

If a renter chooses not to purchase the coverage, the livery must obtain a signed acknowledgement from the renter which includes an attestation as to whether the renter has a Florida boating safety identification card issued by the commission, a temporary certificate, or another form of boating certification authorized pursuant to s.327.395, and that includes the following statement:



Insurance Cont'd

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REFUSING TO PURCHASE A VESSEL RENTAL INSURANCE POLICY FOR COVERAGE OF AT LEAST \$500,000 PER PERSON AND \$1 MILLION PER EVENT FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURIES CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY MY OPERATION OF THE VESSEL .

THE VESSEL RENTAL INSURANCE POLICY COVERAGE IS BEING OFFERED TO ME AT THE FOLLOWING PRICE: [INSERT BINDABLE PRICE HERE OF INSURANCE BEING DECLINED]

I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY NOT HAVE OTHER INSURANCE TO COVER ANY DAMAGE OR INJURIES CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY MY OPERATION OF THE VESSEL AND THAT I MAY BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR ANY SUCH DAMAGE OR INJURIES DURING THE RENTAL PERIOD.



Insurance Cont'd



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Livery Insurance Coverage Option for Renter

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REFUSING TO PURCHASE A VESSEL RENTAL INSURANCE POLICY FOR COVERAGE OF AT LEAST \$500,000 PER PERSON AND \$1 MILLION PER EVENT FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURIES CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY MY OPERATION OF THE VESSEL.

THE VESSEL RENTAL INSURANCE POLICY COVERAGE IS BEING OFFERED TO ME AT THE FOLLOWING PRICE: [_____].

I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY NOT HAVE OTHER INSURANCE TO COVER ANY DAMAGE OR INJURIES CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY MY OPERATION OF THE VESSEL AND THAT I MAY BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR ANY SUCH DAMAGE OR INJURIES DURING THE RENTAL PERIOD.

The renter ___ (Does)) OR ___ (Does Not) have a Florida boater safety identification card issued by the commission, a temporary certificate, or another form of boating certification authorized pursuant to s. 327.395.

Signature of renter

Printed name of renter

Date

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Livery Rules Explained

- Any person delivering instruction regarding the safe operation of vessels or pre-rental pre-ride instruction must have successfully completed a boating safety education course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and this state.
- Vessels involved in an accident must be reported to the division.
- A livery shall make its facilities and records available for inspection upon request by law enforcement no later than 24 hours after receiving notice from law enforcement.



Livery Rules Explained

68D-36.108 (1) Any person administering the Florida Boater Education Temporary Certificate examination under contract with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission must strictly comply with all contract provisions. <https://learningmyfwc.remote-learner.net/course/index.php?categoryid=7>

Vessel Livery Operator's Online Course

On this site, you will take the Vessel Livery Operator's Online Course and Test and receive a Certificate of Completion if you pass the test. Here, you will learn how to properly instruct customers in the operation of rental vessels and about Florida vessel laws and regulations. While this site is designed for vessel livery owners and operators, the general public may also view the course. You will need approximately two hours to go through the course and then take the test.



Common Violations Encountered

- Boating Safety Equipment Missing or not serviceable
- Signage for public: Missing or Faded/not legible
- Insurance lapsed
- Livery Operator Course Certificate (Different from Livery Permit)
- New Hire's not familiar with rules and regulations leading to violations
- Renting personal vessels from local boat ramps without insurance or proper equipment...etc



New Boating Safety Zones

- The Landing and the Boat Basin at Okaloosa County Beach Access point on Okaloosa Island have become a slow-speed/minimum wake zone area. These areas are extensions of the current slow speed zone under the Brooks Bridge.
- Both zones span 500 feet from shore in all directions.
- The 500 feet no-wake zone at Liza Jackson will not affect the intercoastal waterway for travel. The slow speed zone will cover the entire waterway near Brooks Bridge.



Boating Restricted Areas

Okaloosa County

Legend



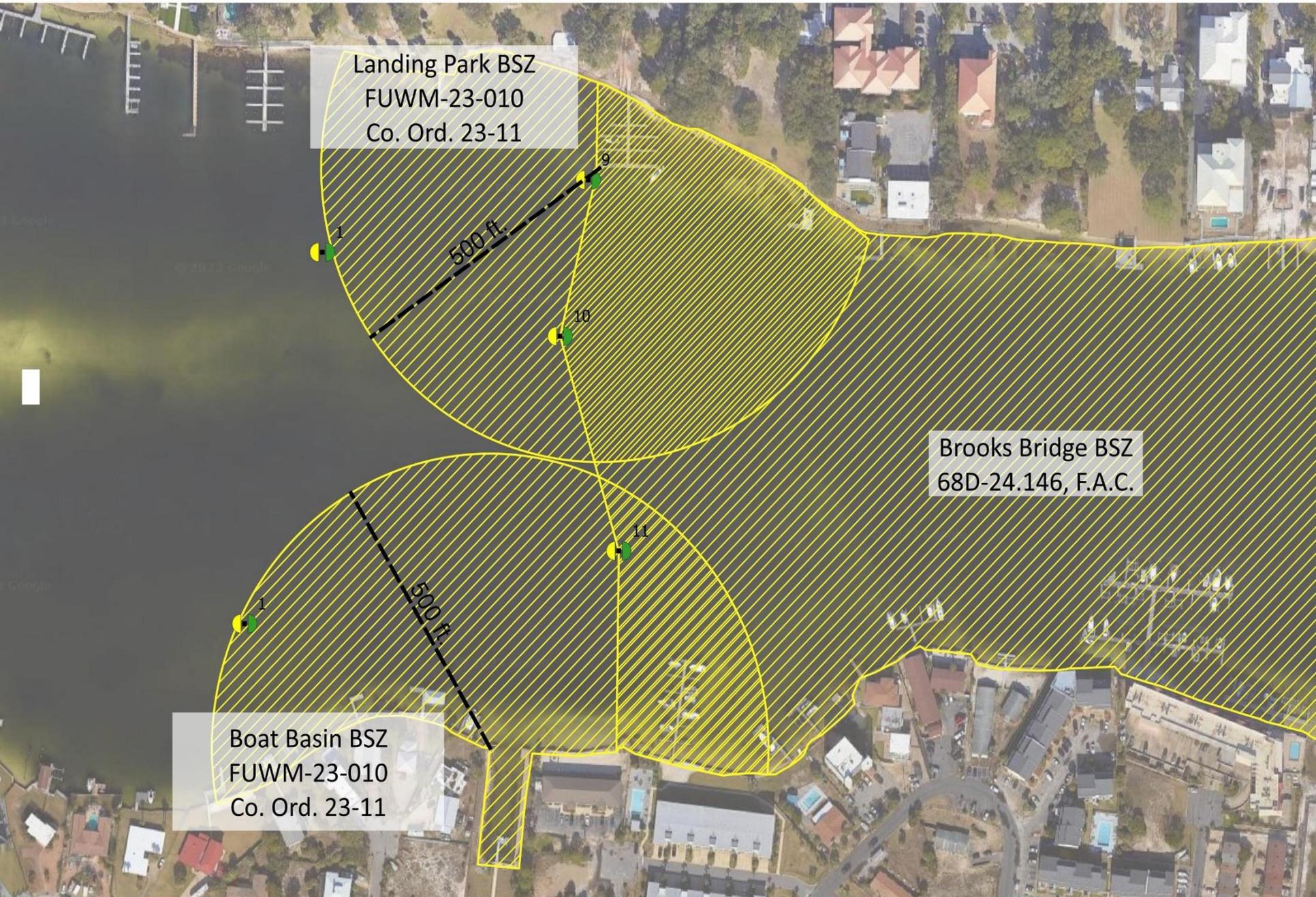
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Fort Walton Beach Landing Park & Okaloosa Island Boating Safety Zones



Landing Park BSZ
FUWM-23-010
Co. Ord. 23-11

Brooks Bridge BSZ
68D-24.146, F.A.C.

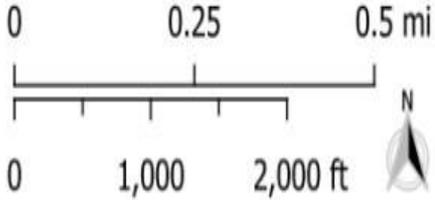
Boat Basin BSZ
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Co. Ord. 23-11



Existing and Proposed Boating Safety Zones

Okaloosa County Coastal Resources (Feb. 12, 2023)

BSZ Regulations:
 Fuel Dock: Co. Ord. 19-06
 Brooks Bridge: 68D-24.146, F.A.C.
 Proposed zones: 327.46(1)(b)1.a., F.S.



- Existing Boating Safety Zones**
- Brooks Bridge and Fuel Dock - Slow Speed Minimum Wake
- Proposed Boating Safety Zones**
- Landing Park and Boat Basin - Slow Speed Minimum Wake
 - Liza Jackson Park - Idle Speed No Wake



Illegal Charters



Marine Safety Detachment Panama
City

Why is this Important?



Boat Sinks Near Miami, 30 People Pulled From Water

October 14, 2013 at 11:17 pm

Filed Under: Boat Sinks, Brian Andrews, Charles Brennan, Coast Guard, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Gaby Fleischman, Officer Jorge Pino



Sunken party boat as seen from Chopper 4 on Monday, Oct. 14, 2013. (Source: CBS4)

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3 dead after boat capsizes off California's Catalina Island

By Andreas Preuss, CNN

Updated 7:43 AM ET, Sun June 26, 2016



Charter Boat Captain Charged In Passenger's Death

April 13, 2018 at 5:38 pm Filed Under: Boating Death, Charter Boat, Local TV



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- **Public Safety:** There is a known correlation between illegal charter operations and unsafe charter operations.
- **Regulatory Fairness:** Legitimate inspected, uninspected, and bareboat charter operators are put at a disadvantage by unregulated, illegal operators.



Objectives



- **Define** different “passenger vessel” services (UPV, SPV, Bareboat Charter)
- **Define** “passenger,” “passenger-for-hire,” and “consideration”
- **Explain** compliance matrix and identify illegal operations
- **Explain** reporting procedures for suspected illegal charter operators.



Definitions



Uninspected Passenger Vessel (UPV)

46 USC 2101 (54)

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- of less than 100 gross tons*
 - (i) carrying not more than 6 passengers, including at least one passenger for hire; and
 - (ii) that is chartered with the crew provided or specified by the owner or the owner's representative

*Most, if not all, UPVs in our AOR are less than 100 GT



Definitions



Small Passenger Vessel (SPV)

46 USC 2101 (47)

"small passenger vessel" a vessel of less than 100 gross tons

- (A) carrying more than 6 passengers, including at least one passenger for hire;
- (B) that is chartered with the crew provided or specified by the owner or the owner's representative and carrying more than 6 passengers;
- (C) that is chartered with no crew provided or specified by the owner and carrying more than 12 passengers.



Definitions



Passenger

(A) means an individual carried on the vessel **except**

(i) the owner or an individual representative of the owner or, in the case of a vessel under charter, an individual charterer or individual representative of the charterer;

(ii) the master; or

(iii) a member of the crew engaged in the business of the vessel who has not contributed **consideration** for carriage and who is **paid for on board services**.



Definitions



Passenger for hire 46 USC 2101 (30)

-(30) “passenger for hire” means a passenger for whom **consideration** is contributed as a condition of carriage on the vessel, whether directly or indirectly flowing to the owner, charterer, operator, agent, or any other person having an interest in the vessel.



Definitions



Consideration 46 USC 2101 (5)

(5) “consideration” means an economic benefit, inducement, right, or profit including pecuniary payment accruing to an individual, person, or entity, but not including a voluntary sharing of the actual expenses of the voyage, by monetary contribution or donation of fuel, food, beverage, or other supplies.



NVIC 7-94: GUIDANCE ON THE PASSENGER VESSEL SAFETY ACT OF 1993



CHART: C

The goal of a boarding is to determine the operating status of the vessel and to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

COMPLIANCE MATRIX					
GROSS TONNAGE	# of PASSENGERS	PASSENGERS FOR HIRE	CHARTER		
			NO	W/CREW	W/O CREW
< 100	≤ 6	YES	UPV	UPV	UPV
< 100	> 6	YES	SPV	SPV	SPV
< 100	7 – 12	NO	REC	SPV	REC
< 100	> 12	NO	REC	SPV	SPV
* < 100	≥ 1	YES	SPV	SPV	SPV
≥ 100	≤ 12	YES	UPV	UPV	UPV
≥ 100	≤ 12	NO	REC	UPV	REC
≥ 100	> 12	YES	PV	PV	PV
≥ 100	> 12	NO	REC	PV	PV
* ≥ 100	≥ 1	YES	PV	PV	PV

“No” charter, means that the operator of vessel is owner or owner’s representative.

UPV = Uninspected Passenger Vessel REC = Recreational Vessel
 SPV = Small Passenger Vessel PV = Passenger Vessel
 * Submersible Vessels only

> Greater than ≥ Greater than or equal to
 < Less than ≤ Less than or equal to



Indicators of a true bareboat charter agreement



1. The bareboat charter agreement is available in writing.
2. The charterer must have option of selecting and paying the master/crew. The vessel owner may provide a list of recommendations but can not require the charterer select from only those on that list. The owner can require a certain level of proficiency for crew that is selected.
3. The master and crew are paid by the charterer.
4. The charterer may fire the master or any crew without approval from the vessel owner.
5. There are no more than 12 passengers on board. The charterer **does not** count as one of the 12, and neither do the master or any crewmembers.



Indicators of a legal UPV



- Master shall have a merchant mariner credential (MMC) with valid OUPV endorsement or greater.
- Certificate of Documentation (COD) – if vessel is greater than 5 net tons shall have a COD onboard with “coastwise” endorsement, “fisheries” endorsement if engaged in fishing.
- Master and crew shall be enrolled in a drug and alcohol (DAP) testing program.
- No more than 6 passengers onboard if less than 100 gross tons, or no more than 12 passengers if greater than or equal to 100 gross tons.



Some FAQs



- Is a bareboat charter captain required to have a license/ Is a barboat charter captain required to not have a license?
 - **A bareboat charter captain may or may not have a USCG-issued MMC. If he/she does have an MMC, that captain is not acting under the authority of that MMC for that particular voyage.**
- Can a charterer list members of their group as “crew” for the charter trip?
 - **No. A legitimate crewmember is someone who is paid for on board services by the charterer. Listing a passenger as a “crewmember” for the purpose of carrying more than 12 passengers would result in an illegal bareboat charter.**
- Can one vessel be used for both UPV voyages and bareboat charter voyages?
 - **Yes, the same vessel can be used for both types of voyages provided that the applicable requirements are met in each case.**



Reporting Suspected Illegal Charter Operations



Call the Sector Mobile Command Center: (251)-266-5888

MSD Panama City Supervisor: LT Andres Nealis

Phone: (850)-233-0366 x173

Email: Andres.A.Nealis@uscg.mil

Please gather as much information as possible i.e. FL number, location, description of the vessel/charter captain, etc. Remember that a picture is worth a thousand words.





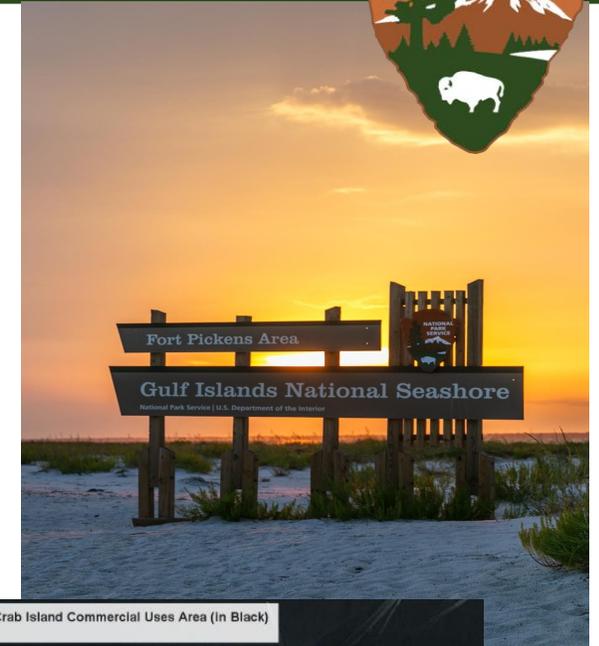
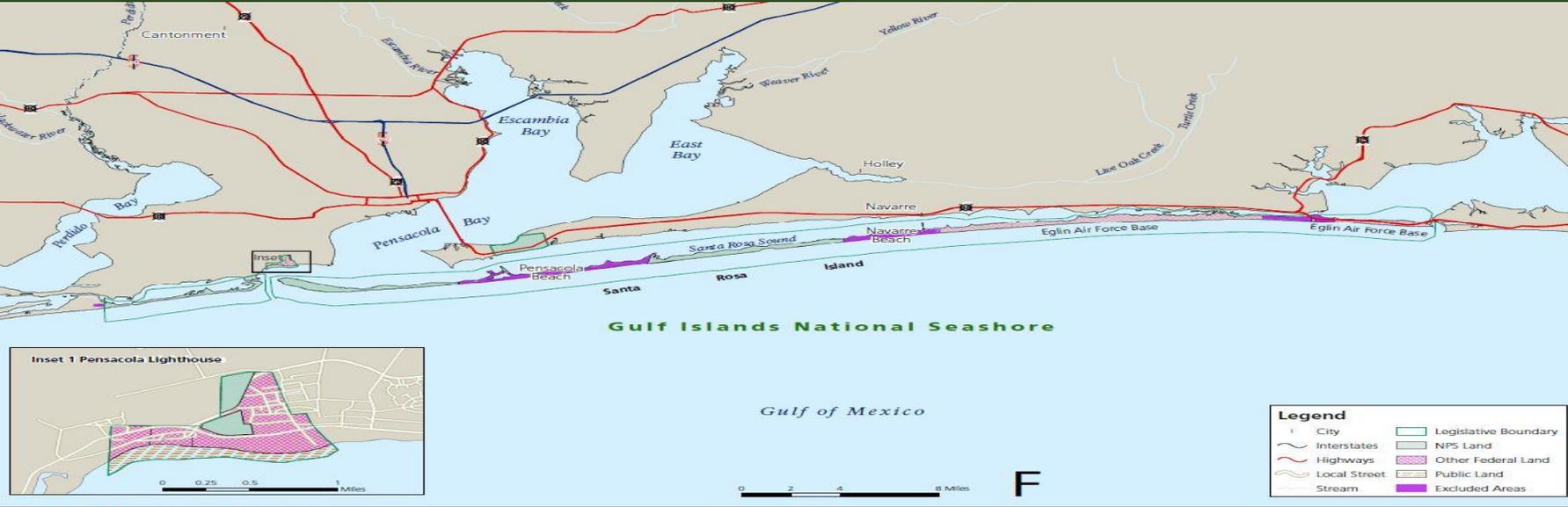
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Crab Island Commercial Services

Okaloosa County Pre-Season Water Safety Meeting

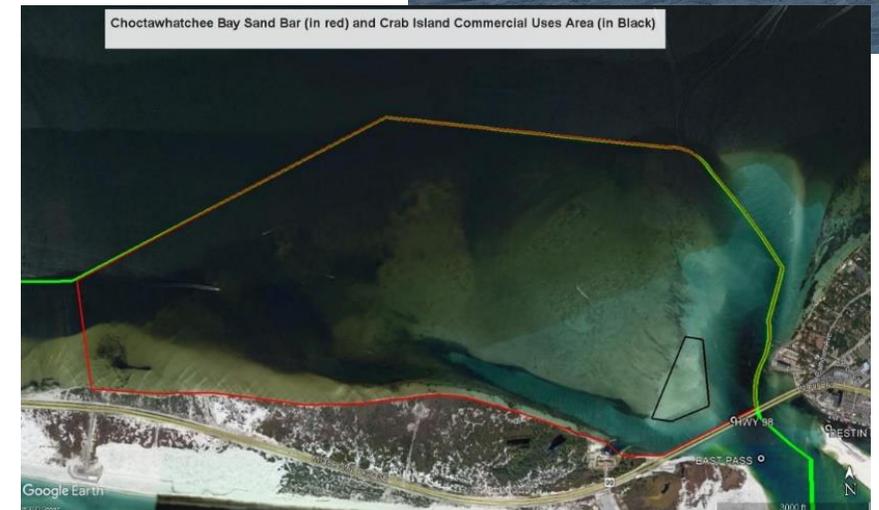
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Gulf Islands National Seashore



Source: Florida Coastal Protection Division, 2014

- NPS Boundary-Intercoastal South and 1 mile into the Gulf/East pass westward to Perdido Key with MS mainland area and islands.
- Crab Island-Large Submerged Sandbar Near Marler Bridge.
- Large seagrass bed-nursery area-Gulf fisheries-critical resource in the NS.
 - Seagrass habitat diminishing (entire Gulf coast, including the NS)
 - Reduced water quality/storms/prop scars and turbidity



Crab Island Overview



- Highly popular recreation location/Seasonal in nature & weather dependent
- Hundreds of boats, including commercial vessels
 - Traversing and anchoring
- Issues
- Changes (County Ordinances, NPS Management)



What is a CUA?



What is a CUA

- Commercial Service
- To the visitor



Not a Concession Contract

- CUAs are not required to provide the service
- Services are Appropriate but maybe not Necessary
- Should it be a concession?



Commercial Services-What is a CUA?



- In Park vs Out of Park CUA
- Limiting CUAs
- Concessions vs CUA



Why are CUAs needed for Crab Island?

(or anywhere else in the seashore for that matter)



Compliance with Federal Law



- Federal Law/Regulation
 - 1998 Commercial Services Improvement Act -- 54 USC 101925
 - Necessary and/or appropriate
- An **APPROPRIATE** service: **ALL** of the following:
 - Consistent with NS Purpose
 - Consistent with all laws, regulations and policies
 - Does NOT compromise public health and safety
 - Does NOT cause unacceptable impacts to national seashore resources or values
 - Does NOT unduly conflict with other park uses and activities
 - Does NOT exclude the general public from participating in limited recreational opportunities
- A **NECESSARY** service : **One** or more of the following:
 - Contribute to Visitor understanding and appreciation
 - Enhances visitor experience (consistent w/NS purpose and significance)
 - Assist with visitor use mgmt. and education
 - Provides an Essential service not easily accessible from the NS

Why is planning needed for Comm Svcs?



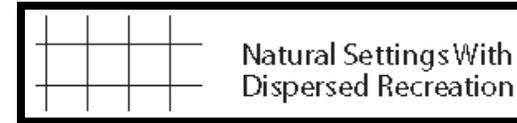
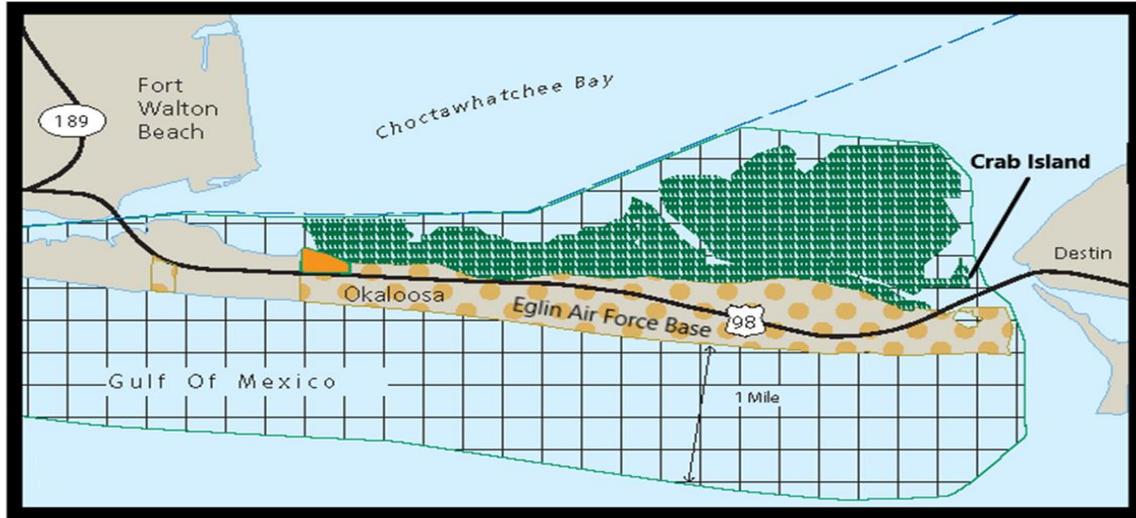
- Visitor Safety
- Resource Protection
- Compliance with GMP Management Zones
- Compliance with NPS and other Federal Commercial Operations Laws/Regulations



Why is planning needed for Comm Svcs?



GMP Management Zones



- GMP Finalized in 2014
- 2 Management Zones for the Crab Island Area-Natural Settings with Dispersed Recreation and Seagrass Bed
- 5 addtl mgmt zones in GMP-Diverse visitor opportunities; recreational beach; Non-motorized with primitive use; Resource mgmt and science priority; and NS operations.

Where are we now?-2024 Season Requirements



- **2024 Application w/payment of \$100 application fee using Pay.Gov (due by 1 Feb)**
- **USPHS Food and Beverage Addendum (if applicable)**
- **Current Vessel Registration(s) and USCG COI (if required)**
- **Current Commercial Liability Insurance (USA additionally insured)**
- **Current State/County Business License**
- **Mariner's/Captain's License**
- **Visitor Acknowledgement of Risk (Waivers NOT permitted)**
- **State/USPHS Food Inspection Report (if applicable)**
- **Scuba/Snorkeling Instructor Certification (if applicable)**
- **2023 Annual Report (returning operations)**
- **Payment of 3% management fee from 2023 gross revenues (payment made using Pay.Gov platform-again, due by 1 Feb)**
- **Submissions will begin to be reviewed on 5 Feb**
- **Final 2024 permits expected on or around 1 March**

Where are we now?-2024 Season Requirements



- **USPHS Food and Beverage Addendum (if applicable)**

Gulf Island National Seashore CUA – Food Establishment Application, 2024

Purpose: This form will be used to evaluate infrastructure and policy requirements for food service facilities prior to Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) issuance.

Instructions: Complete all information. Handwritten copies will not be accepted. Additional pages can be attached if needed.

Establishment Identification	
Business Name:	
Business Address:	
Business Phone:	

Owner/Applicant Identification	
Name:	
Primary Phone:	
Email Address:	

ANSI Accredited Certified Food Manager(s) (CFMs)	
CFM Name:	
Position:	
CFM Name:	
Position:	
CFM Name:	
Position:	

- NO HOT-BOXING
- FOCUS ON FOOD SAFETY
- ATTENTION TO RESTROOM REQUIREMENTS
- TIME, TIME & TIME-USPHS REVIEW WILL TAKE A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS

What Comm Svcs May Look Like in the Future



Planning Process

- Where are we?
- Next Steps?
- Final Decision?

CUA vs Concessions Contract

- Contract/Permit Length
- Requirements for each
- Process
- Legal Requirements
- Online CUA Application System

Thank You

Questions?



National Park Service

U.S. Dept. of the Interior

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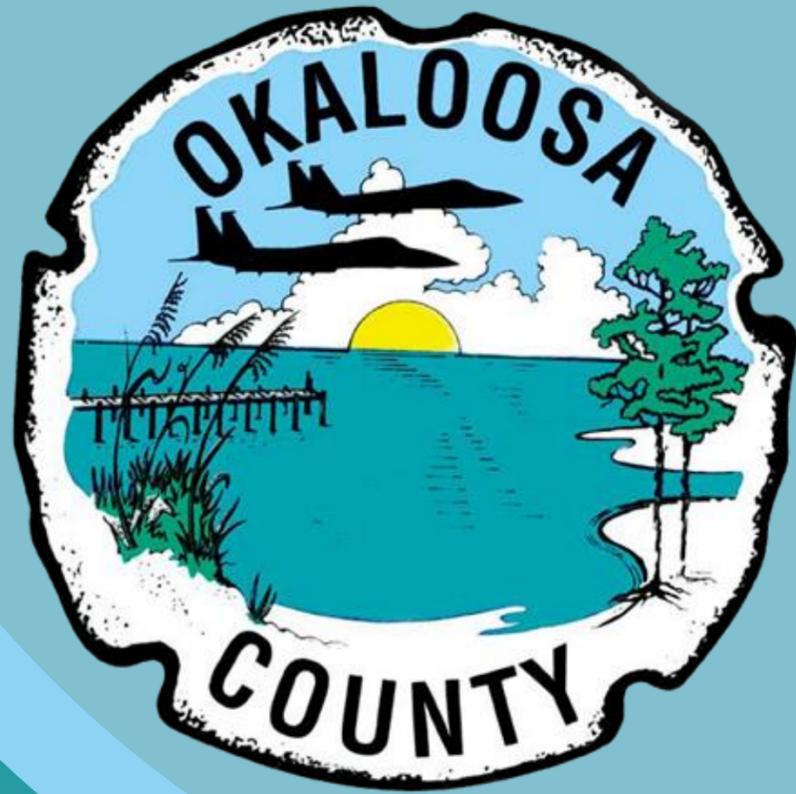
Steve McCoy – Deputy Superintendent

Rich Devenney-Commercial Services Program Manager

Jennifer Watson-Concessions Management Specialist

Gulf Islands National Seashore





2024

Waterway Rental Vendor Safety

Ordinance & Registration



2021 OCSO Marine Patrol

2660
Vessel Stops

324
Boating Citations

>70%
Tourism related rentals

Waterway Rental Vendor Safety

Ordinance 22-08

To regulate livery vessel rental vendors and operators in order to:

- ~ Promote safety
- ~ Encourage tourism
- ~ Support responsible marine businesses
- ~ Protect our natural resources.

APPLICABILITY -

This ordinance includes all areas of Okaloosa County, including all public waters within the County **EXCEPT** areas within city limits where there is an ordinance regulating the same activity or where preempted by State or Federal law.

All livery vessels & personal watercraft offered for rent/lease/consideration within Okaloosa County must be:

- from a business location which fully complies with the regulations in this article
- from a business holding a valid permit which complies with this article
- registered in the name of the business and
- have valid Florida vessel permit number affixed



REGISTRATION - Permits valid March 1st-February 28th

Application (see Registration Package)

<https://myokaloosa.com/waterway-safety>

Fees: Vendor Application \$100 annually

Livery Vessel Permit \$75 annually per vessel

Late Fees (after March 1st):

Application fee \$50

Livery Vessel Permit \$25 per vessel

Admin fee for missed Safety Meeting \$50



BUSINESS STANDARDS - LAND USE

Business Location: a site/location that is zoned commercial or other nonresidential zoning, which permits livery vessel rentals, and has the required dockage, parking, and bathroom facilities, and meets all other location/site standards to operate such a business.

- May not be located within 500 feet of any other business offering livery vessels for rent or lease
- May not be located on, or utilize any County or City property for business related activity: renting, vessel and/or passenger drop off or pick up, etc.



BUSINESS STANDARDS - SITE REQUIREMENTS

 Physical location with a mailing address

 A structure (in accordance with FL building code) to protect staff

 Parking -

SECTION 2. SECTION 6.04.02 OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE 91-01, AS AMENDED. The following parking standards are hereby added under the “Commercial” type category of the parking standards table provided in Section 6.04.02 of the Okaloosa County Land Development Code, Ordinance 91-01, as amended:

<u>Livery vessel rental</u>	<u>1 per 4 passengers of USCG capacity</u> <u>1 per four personal watercraft</u>
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 Dockage - must be maintained in accordance with all Florida State building standards. All necessary permitting must be maintained for the duration of the business.

 Restrooms - on site ADA restroom facilities, trash and recycling receptacles.

 Safety - Ensure compliance pursuant to FS 327.395, FS 327.54, FS 327.395, and provide local safety and regulatory instruction.

BUSINESS STANDARDS - GENERAL

-  **Communications** - maintain a consistent telephone number and an operable marine radio at the land based office
-  **Response Vessel** - businesses with (1) or more rentals shall have a motorized response vessel, and operator with a marine radio, that meets all USCG safety requirements kept at the launching site during all hours of operation.
-  **Insurance** - must have and maintain comprehensive general liability insurance policy insuring the public against bodily injury or property damage resulting from or incidental to the operation, use, or rental of livery vessels.
-  **Business Tax Receipt** - current Okaloosa County BTR
-  **Vessel Registration** - registered in the name of the business, have a State of Florida vessel registration number affixed thereon, and be locally permitted as set forth in this article.

BUSINESS STANDARDS - VESSEL MARKINGS

Vessel & Business Identification markings -

-  Business name
-  Phone number
-  Vessel name



*shall contain the same unique identification markings that are on the customer floatation devices and each rental vessel shall have a unique number inside the marking:

1. Bold block letters at least 3" high in a color contrasting to the structure
2. Must be displayed on both sides of the forward half of the structure, above the waterline

BUSINESS STANDARDS - EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Employees are required to complete the following training and at least one fully trained employee must be located on site during business hours

-  State of Florida Boating Safety Education Course
-  Okaloosa Boating and Waterway Safety Video
-  FWC's online Livery Course
-  American Heart Association First Aid Response
-  PWC and/or Pontoon equipment training
-  Contingency Training - in house training



BUSINESS STANDARDS - FUELING

All fuel tanks must meet applicable fire, safety, and environmental regulations to include any permitting by the applicable Fire Dept, FWC or FDEP.

- 🌊 Fueling within 50' of the water must have a spill-proof nozzle
- 🌊 If located at the business, employees must undergo additional training on fuel safety and proper fuel techniques
- 🌊 Fire extinguishers necessary to extinguish fuel fires must be located at the fuel location and must be operational.



BUSINESS STANDARDS - EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLANS

At a minimum, emergency contingency plans/protocols will include contacts to call, immediate steps, and reporting.

-  Fuel/Oil spill
-  Fuel Fire
-  Rental Vessel Accident
-  Medical Emergency
-  Inclement weather



BUSINESS STANDARDS - RENTAL CUSTOMER REQUIREMENTS

Livery vessel business must maintain a copy of the operator/renters State Drivers License

All operators shall undergo the following **training**, in addition to all State mandated training:

-  Okaloosa Boating and Waterway Safety Video
-  PWC or Pontoon equipment video/training on the safety/operation on the vessel rented

And be given the following **documentation**:

-  Emergency contact information for law enforcement, US Coast Guard, 911, and vendor contact number.
-  Safety and operational information for the vessel.
-  Map of the area with restricted areas and location of the rental vendor.
-  Identification markings on each personal floatation device worn by operators which distinguishes the business from others.



BUSINESS STANDARDS - RENTAL CUSTOMER REQUIREMENTS

Operator Identification - vessel operators shall have a wrist band indicating they have completed the training requirements and are properly licensed

GREEN- operator is over 18 years old, born before January 1 1988

PINK- operator is over 18 years old, born after January 1 1988 OR is under 18 but at least 16 years old who has a NASBLA approved boaters license or a FL Temporary Boaters Certification

YELLOW- operator is 16 years old or older and can only drive with someone who was born before January 1 1988 or who has a NASBLA approved boaters license or passes a FL Temporary Boaters Certification



ENFORCEMENT & PENALTIES

This Ordinance shall be enforced by members of all duly authorized law enforcement agencies within Okaloosa County, including but not limited to:

-  Okaloosa County Sheriffs Office,
-  Any law enforcement officer of the City jurisdiction the vendor lies within
-  Any Certified Law Enforcement Officer of the State
-  County's Code Enforcement Department

Penalties may include but are not limited to:

Code Enforcement Board
Civil Citation
Denial/Suspension/Revocation
Criminal Penalties

FOR MORE INFORMATION -

<https://myokaloosa.com/waterway-safety>



OKALOOSA COUNTY
Department of Growth Management
Code Enforcement Division

Chris Mitchell
Coastal Code Enforcement Officer

Okaloosa County Administration Building
1250 N. Eglin Parkway
Suite 301
Shalimar, FL 32579

Desk: 850.651.7707
Mobile: 850.333.8679
Department: 850.651.7180
Email: clmitchell@myokaloosa.com

Submit Registration Applications by March 1, 2024



An aerial photograph of a coastal region. A long bridge spans across a body of water, connecting a sandy beach area in the foreground to a densely populated town on the right. The water shows varying shades of blue and green, indicating different depths and possibly seagrass beds. The sky is clear and blue.

OCWOC WATERSPORT SAFETY

Things to keep in mind

Website



OCWOC OBJECTIVES:

- Share knowledge & resources with industry stakeholders
- Protect the interests of watersport operators
- Enhance the safety of boating with public-private cooperation
- Become a good steward of the community

ORDINANCES IN PLACE

City of Destin –



City of Fort Walton Beach -



Okaloosa County –



Crab Island –



FWC Livery -

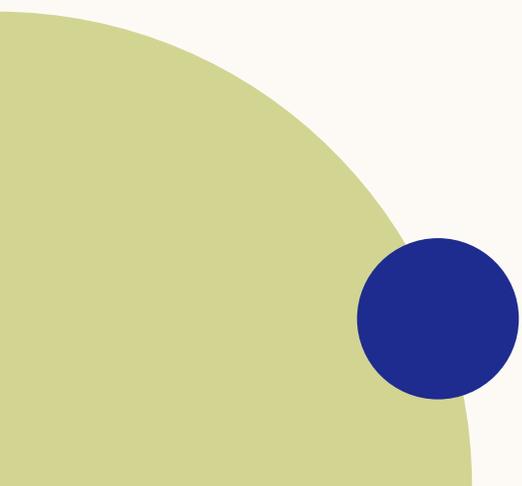
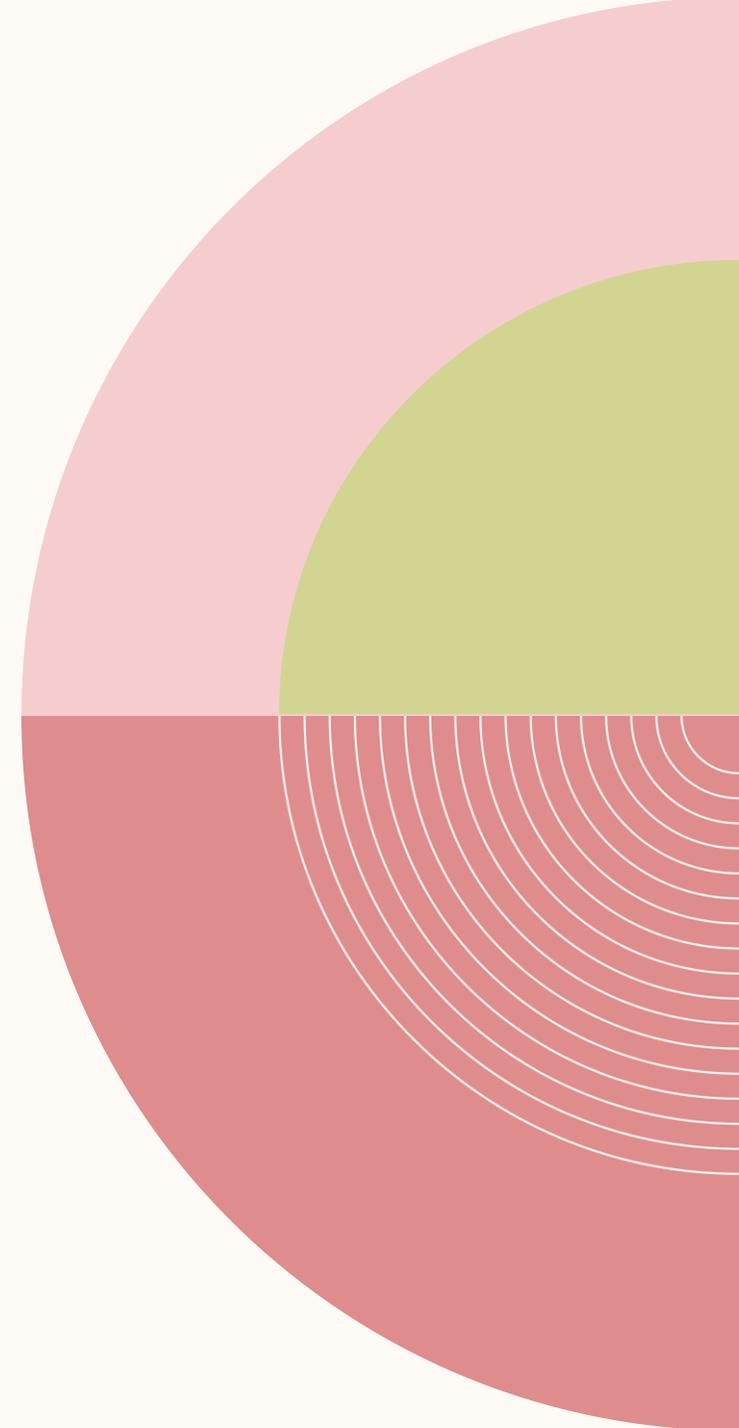


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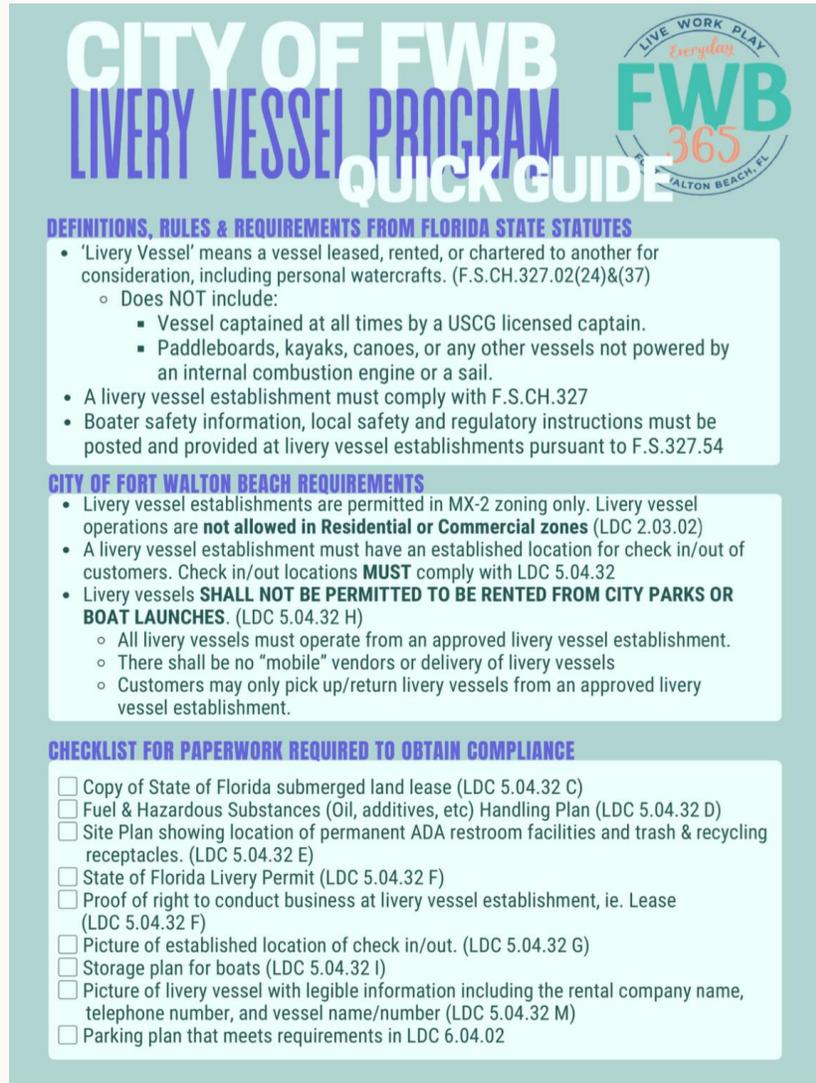
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: **FWC LIVERY**



FWB CHECKLIST



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CITY OF FWB LIVERY VESSEL PROGRAM QUICK GUIDE

DEFINITIONS, RULES & REQUIREMENTS FROM FLORIDA STATE STATUTES

- 'Livery Vessel' means a vessel leased, rented, or chartered to another for consideration, including personal watercrafts. (F.S.CH.327.02(24)&(37))
 - Does NOT include:
 - Vessel captained at all times by a USCG licensed captain.
 - Paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, or any other vessels not powered by an internal combustion engine or a sail.
- A livery vessel establishment must comply with F.S.CH.327
- Boater safety information, local safety and regulatory instructions must be posted and provided at livery vessel establishments pursuant to F.S.327.54

CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH REQUIREMENTS

- Livery vessel establishments are permitted in MX-2 zoning only. Livery vessel operations are **not allowed in Residential or Commercial zones** (LDC 2.03.02)
- A livery vessel establishment must have an established location for check in/out of customers. Check in/out locations **MUST** comply with LDC 5.04.32
- Livery vessels **SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BE RENTED FROM CITY PARKS OR BOAT LAUNCHES.** (LDC 5.04.32 H)
 - All livery vessels must operate from an approved livery vessel establishment.
 - There shall be no "mobile" vendors or delivery of livery vessels
 - Customers may only pick up/return livery vessels from an approved livery vessel establishment.

CHECKLIST FOR PAPERWORK REQUIRED TO OBTAIN COMPLIANCE

- Copy of State of Florida submerged land lease (LDC 5.04.32 C)
- Fuel & Hazardous Substances (Oil, additives, etc) Handling Plan (LDC 5.04.32 D)
- Site Plan showing location of permanent ADA restroom facilities and trash & recycling receptacles. (LDC 5.04.32 E)
- State of Florida Livery Permit (LDC 5.04.32 F)
- Proof of right to conduct business at livery vessel establishment, ie. Lease (LDC 5.04.32 F)
- Picture of established location of check in/out. (LDC 5.04.32 G)
- Storage plan for boats (LDC 5.04.32 I)
- Picture of livery vessel with legible information including the rental company name, telephone number, and vessel name/number (LDC 5.04.32 M)
- Parking plan that meets requirements in LDC 6.04.02

WRIST BAND SYSTEM

XXXX	 Approved Driver Name: _____	
XXXX	 Driver w/ Boater's License Name: _____	
XXXX	 Approved Driver (w/ Parent onboard) Name: _____	
XXXX	 Not Approved Driver - Can not drive	

SAFETY VIDEOS

- Waverunner Safety Video



- Navigational Safety Video



- Pontoon Boat Safety Video

- Goal – to complete before Summer season

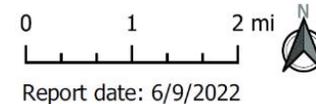
COUNTY NO WAKE ZONE MAP



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Okaloosa County Uniform
Waterway Markers



FUEL CONTINGENCY/OIL ABATEMENT PLAN

- Oil Sorbent Hydrocarbon Containment Boom to go around the longest vessel on the property
- Hydrocarbon Absorbent Pads
- Granular Absorbent



U.S.G.G. AUXILIARY VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

- Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety Inspection
- If NAV lights are an issue of failing, use battery operated in a watertight container



SAFETY STICKERS

OCWOC sticker:

- Each membership will include a sticker for all your registered vessels.
- Passenger capacity sticker
- Watch your Step sticker



SAFETY STICKERS

- No drinking & driving sticker



- Rules of the Road sticker

NAUTICAL RULES OF THE ROAD

When headed upstream remember: Red Right Returning = Even Numbers
Green on Left = Odd Numbers

REMEMBER THESE RULES OF THE ROAD

1. Head On: Keep right or steer to starboard. Pass port to port, like cars.
2. Crossing: Give way to the boat ahead and to the right, slow or stop.
3. Danger Zone: Give way if a boat is in your danger zone.
4. Passing: When overtaking another boat, give way and steer clear.

THE "PECKING" ORDER

Generally, the higher category on list has priority.

- Unable to steer
- Limited in turning ability
- Restricted by draft
- Commercial boats engaged in fishing
- Sail and human powered
- Recreational power driven

HORN SIGNALS

- Short blast = 1 second
- Prolonged blast = 4-6 sec.
- Turning to Starboard
- Turning to Port
- Going Astern
- Leaving Dock
- Open Bridge
- Danger

To find a basic or advanced boating course, visit www.BoatUS.org

ASSISTANCE CALL PROCEDURES
— for help on the water or on the road —

Soft grounding, dead battery, out of fuel or flat tire?

Call **TowABoatUS**
on **VHF 16** or
BoatUS 24-Hour Towing Dispatch at
800-391-4869

Or download the free BoatUS app for quick service and location services.
In an emergency situation, contact the Coast Guard or local authorities immediately.

EMERGENCY CALL PROCEDURES
— for true emergencies and vessel in distress —

Fires, sinking, person overboard or medical issues?

- On a DSC-equipped VHF radio press and release the **DISTRESS** button. If properly installed (including an MMSI) a distress call is placed automatically. When interfaced with your GPS your position is also transmitted. Visit www.BoatUS.com/MMSI
- On a non-DSC VHF radio, on Channel 16 press the transmit button and hail "May Day" three times. Give the vessel name, description, position, nature of emergency and number of people on board.

Ensure all people are wearing a life jacket.
An intentional hoax call is a Federal offense.

Ch 16

SAFETY STICKERS

- Example of some Safety equipment location stickers



- Engine Cut-off Switch Lanyard Sticker



SAFETY STICKERS

- Slide down Feet First sticker



- Stay inside railing sticker



- No jumping off boat sticker

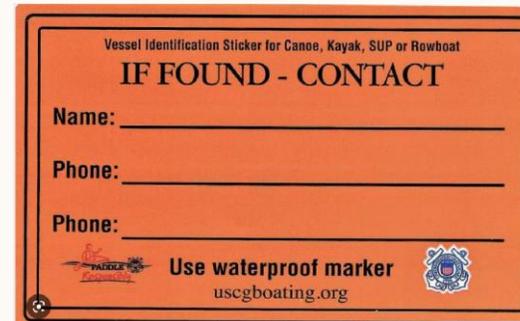


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- Paddlecraft reflective sticker



- If found paddlecraft sticker

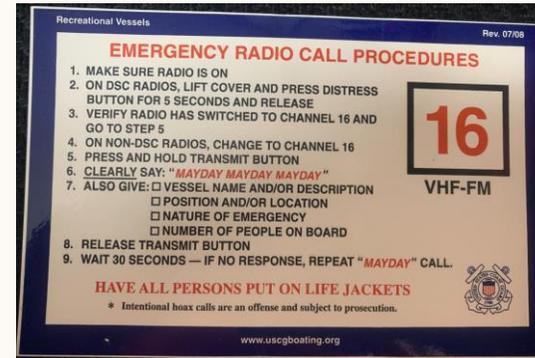


- Life Jacket wear it sticker



SAFETY STICKERS

- VHF Procedures sticker



HOW TO BECOME A OCWOC MEMBER?

- We ask all watersport , marina operators & charter businesses to becomes a member
- Funding is used to develop/promote safety, such as these safety videos & safety stickers
- Scan here to get more info





THANK YOU !

**Our first meeting will
be
February 13 @ 1 pm at
Shoreline Church. We
hope to see you all
there !**



LIFE JACKETS SAVE LIVES

***WEARING MAKES THE
DIFFERENCE***



www.safeboatingcampaign.com



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Life Jacket Borrow Station Set Up

LIFE JACKETS FREE FOR PUBLIC TO BORROW



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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Tides

High: 3:36pm @ 1.7 ft



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*Recreational/Rental/Bareboats
including PWC and Paddlecraft
Valid for the Year of Passing Exam*



www.cgaux.org and
click on left column:

Get a Vessel
Safety Check



Signup today at the hallway table





Free Vessel with MMC Captain Exams Commercial “6 Pack Charters” Valid for 1 Year from Passing-Exam Date

UPV



EXPIRES

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

**THIS VESSEL MEETS ALL USCG REQUIREMENTS FOR
UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS**

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

United States Coast Guard
Department of Homeland Security

Enclosure (1) to LANE/PACARE/INST 16710.2

United States Coast Guard

*Requirements For Uninspected Passenger
Vessels*



Revision: March 2016, 02201



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Life Jackets and Vessel Exams “Prevention” Saves Lives



UPV



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www.d8cr.org





Getting Paddlers off to a Safe Start!!

Panama City Beach Flotilla

081-01-09

What Rental or Touring Liveries Can Do to Ensure Safety of Customers

- All situations:
 - Best practice is to require use of PFD's and leashing for SUP's in most open water venues
 - Confirm that customers are in fit condition to operate paddle craft
- Determine level of experience/training of your customers and for novices make some basic suggestions
- Make customers aware of possible weather changes
- Advise renters to maintain constant vigilance and situational awareness of surroundings
- In Controlled Venues:
 - Keep accurate lists of parties on the water
 - Keep track of your customers' locations
- Open Venues:
 - Ask renters where they plan to go and when they plan to return and keep a record
 - Suggest that they also let someone not in the party know their

Emergency Planning

- Advise your renters on best way to handle serious problems:
 - At least one person in the party should carry a cell phone (in waterproof bag)
 - Provide them:
 - Cell number that is always monitored- they should put it in their phones
 - Other agency emergency numbers (such as 911)
 - Internationally recognized Visual Distress Signals:
 - Wave arms up and down
 - Wave paddle with reflectors up/down
 - If they end up in the water, they should stay with their paddle craft
- Develop a written standardized emergency response plan to use if you receive an emergency call from a renter or visually see someone in distress
 - Have reliable on-shore communications capability
 - Include emergency numbers to call
 - Consider availability of a rescue craft
 - Rescue procedures should be practiced

**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary developed the
Paddle Craft Safety Initiative -AUXPAD -
to help you safely enjoy your kayak,
canoe, and stand-up (SUP) board**



Since 2019 in the Florida Panhandle 9 paddlers
have lost their lives.

Life Vests Save Lives!

Paddling can be learned from many resources
including the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the
American Canoe Association (ACA), but here are
some easy steps to help you get a safer start:

Required by Regulation:

- ***On-Board: Everyone must have a USCG
Approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD)
and Whistle***
- ***6 & Under years of age: PFD Must be Worn***

Best Practice Recommendations:

- ***EVERYONE should wear their PFD at all
times and in most situations be leashed
to their SUP***
- ***Carry alternative communications devices***
- ***Be Visible to all others around you***
- ***Tell someone what your plans are***
- ***Don't take risks with weather conditions***
- ***Don't over extend your capabilities - If in
doubt,***

DON'T TRY IT!

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