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FLOAT PLAN

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this plan before you go boating and leave it with a reliable person who can be depended upon to notify the Coast Guard, or other rescue organization, should you not return or check-in as planned. If you have a change of plans after leaving, be sure to notify the person holding your Float Plan. For additional copies of this plan, go to: www.floatplancentral.org



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Do NOT file this plan with the U.S. Coast Guard

VESSEL

IDENTIFICATION:

Name & Home Port _____
 Doc/Registration No. _____
 Year & Make _____
 Length _____ (ft/M) Type _____ Draft _____ (in/CM) Hull Mat. _____
 Hull Color(s) _____
 Prominent Features _____

TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Radio Call Sign _____
 DSC MMSI No. _____
 Radio-1: Type _____ Ch./Freq. Monitored _____
 Radio-2: Type _____ Ch./Freq. Monitored _____
 Cell Phone No. _____
 Pager No. _____

PROPULSION:

Primary - Type _____ No. Eng. _____ Fuel Capacity _____ (gal/L)
 Auxiliary -Type _____ No. Eng. _____ Fuel Capacity _____ (gal/L)

NAVIGATION: (Check all on board)

☐ Maps ☐ Charts ☐ Compass ☐ GPS / DGPS
☐ Radar ☐ Loran C ☐ Sounder ☐ _____

SAFETY & SURVIVAL

VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS:

☐ Day Only type
☐ Night Only type
☐ Day & Night type

AUDIBLE DISTRESS SIGNALS:

☐ Horn / Whistle
☐ Bell
☐ _____

OTHER GEAR:

☐ Life boat / Life raft ☐ Flashlight / Searchlight
☐ Dinghy / Skiff ☐ Signal Mirror
☐ Food & Water ☐ Drogue / Sea Anchor
☐ EPIRB ☐ _____
☐ Foul Weather Gear ☐ _____

PFDs: (Do not count Type IV devices)

_____ Quantity On Board

GROUND TACKLE:

☐ Anchor: Line Length _____ (ft/M)

PERSONS ON BOARD

OPERATOR:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Vehicle (Year, Make & Model): _____
 Trailer will be parked at: _____

Age _____ M/F _____ Notes (Special medical condition, Can't swim, etc.) _____

Has experience: w/Boat ☐ w/Area ☐

Home phone: _____

Vehicle License No.: _____

Trailer License No.: _____

PASSENGERS/CREW:

Name & Address

Age _____ M/F _____ Notes (Special medical condition, Can't swim, etc.) _____

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____

Attach "Supplemental Passenger List" if additional passengers or crew on board.

ITINERARY

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	MODE OF TRAVEL	REASON FOR STOP	CHECK-IN TIME
Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						
Arrive						
Depart						
Arrive						

Attach "Supplemental Itinerary" if space for additional destinations is needed.

Contact 1: _____ Phone Number _____

Contact 2: _____ Phone Number _____

If you have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of any persons on board the Vessel described above, who have not returned or checked-in in a reasonable amount of time, then follow step-by-step instructions on the **Boating Emergency Guide™** included with this plan, or on the World Wide Web at:

www.floatplancentral.org/help/BoatingEmergencyGuide.htm

BOATING EMERGENCY GUIDE™

You will need the following items before you begin: 1) the **Float Plan** if one was given to you, 2) **Pen** or **Pencil**, 3) Clean sheet of **paper** or **Writing Tablet**, and 4) your local **Telephone Directory**.

Step 1

Do you have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of any persons on board the Vessel described above, who have not returned or checked-in in a reasonable amount of time?

If YES, then continue with **Step 2**, otherwise **STOP**, no further action is required.

Step 2

Were you given a prepared Float Plan by anyone on board the vessel?

If YES, then continue with **Step 3**, otherwise got to **Step 5**.

Step 3

On the Float Plan, locate the two Contact lines below the Itinerary at the bottom of the Float Plan. Call Contact number 1...

IF	THEN						
A person answered the phone...	Take notes during your conversation.						
	1. Let the person know you are responding to a late return or check-in by the individuals designated on the Float Plan.						
	2. Determine if the person you are talking to or anyone else at that location, has recently had contact with anyone on the vessel, and when and where that contact occurred.						
	3. Are you still concerned about the safety or welfare of any persons on board the vessel?						
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IF	THEN						
Yes	Continue with Step 4 .						
No	STOP . No further action is required.						
Otherwise...	Continue with Step 4 .						

Step 4

Call telephone number for Contact number 2...

IF	THEN						
A person answered the phone...	Take notes during your conversation.						
	1. Let the person know you are responding to a late return or check-in by the individuals designated on the Float Plan.						
	2. Determine if the person you are talking to or anyone else at that location, has recently had contact with anyone on the vessel, and when and where that contact occurred.						
	3. Are you still concerned about the safety or welfare of any persons on board the vessel?						
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Step 5

Take a moment to jot down the facts you know about each item in the checklist below.

Do NOT speculate. Speculation about a detail may mislead Search And Rescue (SAR) personnel, and add to the overall search and rescue time, adversely affecting the outcome.

- ☐ Period of time the vessel has been overdue.
- ☐ Purpose of the trip or voyage.
- ☐ Description of the Vessel (type, size, color, features, etc.)
- ☐ Vessels departure point and destination.
- ☐ Places the Vessel planned to stop during transit.
- ☐ Navigation equipment on board (such as GPS, Loran C, Radar, Compass, Sounder, etc.)
- ☐ Number of people on board the Vessel, as well as personal habits e.g. dependability, reliability, etc.
- ☐ Was the Vessel already moored, or did a vehicle tow it to the launch point?
- ☐ License plate number and description of the tow vehicle, and/or passenger transport vehicle.
- ☐ Communications equipment on board, including type of radio and frequencies monitored, cellular telephone numbers of any persons on board.
- ☐ Additional points of contact along the vessels planned route.
- ☐ Where there any pending commitments e.g. work, appointments, etc.

Continue with **Step 6**.

Step 6

1. Contact your local Law Enforcement agency (Police or Sheriff).
2. Let the dispatcher know that you are responding to a late return or check-in by the persons on board the vessel.
3. The dispatcher will instruct you from here.

Note: The dispatcher will provide you with the necessary contact or agency connection (*if one was not provided for you on the Float Plan*) to get a Search And Rescue mission started. This is usually handled this way because it puts you closest to the agency conducting the actual search and rescue, eliminating an unnecessary middleman.

If the dispatcher would like a follow-up call from you on the outcome of the rescue, they will let you know.

4. Continue with **Step 7**.

Step 7

Be patient... you've done everything you can possibly do for now. It is important to stay off the telephone, so emergency personnel can contact you with additional information and/or questions concerning the search and rescue effort.

STOP--End of Guide

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