

Boat Rental Checklist

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Rental company _____

Rental company phone number _____


Rental date / time _____


Emergency contact number _____

You'll want to plan ahead to rent a boat to be sure you get the type of boat you'd like for your dates and that suits your needs.


When renting, ask

- ☐ If you need a boat license to rent the boat
- ☐ When and how payments are due
- ☐ When you can arrive for your rental and how much time to allow
- ☐ Additional fees
- ☐ If insurance is required and how to obtain it
- ☐ When the boat needs to be returned
- ☐ Who to contact in an emergency and how to contact them
- ☐ About restrictions

 There may be fees other than the rental itself, such as a deposit, insurance, fuel costs, etc.

 Confirm where you may not go on the rental boat, the max number of people allowed on the vessel, and ability to tow water toys

- ☐ Confirm the weather conditions to ensure it's safe for boating and pack accordingly

 Many times being on the water can be cooler and windier than on land.

Before you head out

- ☐ Do your own inspection to confirm that the boat is in excellent working condition
- ☐ If something doesn't look or seem right, talk to the rental company before setting out and be sure both of you agree and write down any issues
- ☐ Note any damages to the boat, including the propeller prop and exterior part of the motor
- ☐ Make sure someone knows when you are expected to return to land at the end of your trip
- ☐ Be sure you know everything you need to know about operating the boat and any amenities, e.g., stove, lights, toilet

 Take photos or a video of any damage prior to departure

- ☐ Check and note the fuel level

What to take whether renting a boat or using your own boat

The rental company may provide some of the following. Be sure to ask what's included on the boat.

Boat / safety items

- ☐ Life jacket for each passenger
- ☐ Navigation maps/GPS System
- ☐ Anchor
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Fuel
- ☐ Flares
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Lines and ropes

Other items you may need

- ☐ Light jacket
- ☐ Bathroom essentials
- ☐ Snacks & food
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Cooler
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Water

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