FLOAT PLAN

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VESSEL

IDENTIFICATION:

Name & Hailing Port _____

Document / Registration No._____ HIN _____

Year, Make & Model _____

Length _____ Type _____   Draft _____ Hull Mat._____

Hull & Trim Colors_____

Prominent Features_____

COMMUNICATION:

Radio Call Sign / Number _____

DSC MMSI No. _____

Radio-1: Type _____   Ch. / Freq. Monitored _____

Radio-2: Type _____   Ch. / Freq. Monitored _____

Cell / Satellite _____

Email _____

PROPULSION:

Primary-- Type   Eng.___   Fuel Capacity _____ Auxiliary--Type

_____   Eng.___   Fuel Capacity _____

NAVIGATION: (Check all onboard)

☐ Compass   ☐ Radar   ☐ GPS / DGPS   ☐ Depth Sounder

☐ Charts   ☐ Maps   ☐ _____

SAFETY & SURVIVAL

VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS:

☐ Electric Distress Light (night only)

☐ Flag (day only)

☐ Flare, Aerial (day & night)

☐ Flare, Handheld (day & night)

☐ Signal Mirror (day only)

☐ Smoke (day only)

AUDIBLE DISTRESS SIGNALS:

☐ Bell

☐ Horn

☐ Whistle

EPIRB:

UIN* _____

ADDITIONAL GEAR:

☐ Anchor - Line length _____

☐ Dewatering device

☐ Exposure suits

☐ Fire Extinguisher

☐ Flashlight / Searchlight

☐ Raft / Dinghy

☐ Food for _____ days / person

☐ Water for _____ days / person

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

PERSONS ONBOARD

OPERATOR:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Age ____ Gender ___   PFD ☐   PLB UIN*_____

Note _____

Has experience with: ☐ this vessel; ☐ the boating area(s).

Home Phone _____

Vehicle (Year, Make & Model) _____

Vehicle License No. _____ Trailer ☐

Vehicle parked at _____

Float Plan Note _____

PASSENGERS / CREW: (Identify all on board)

Passenger PLB UIN*
(Not listed in a specific order)

Name	Home Phone	Age	Gender	PFD	Note	Passenger PLB UIN*
1. _____	_____	____	___	☐	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	____	___	☐	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	____	___	☐	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	____	___	☐	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	____	___	☐	_____	_____
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8. _____	_____	____	___	☐	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	____	___	☐	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	____	___	☐	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	____	___	☐	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	____	___	☐	_____	_____

If you have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of the persons onboard this vessel that have not returned or checked-in, in a reasonable amount of time, then follow the step-by-step instructions on the Boating Emergency Guide™ located on the last page of this Float Plan.

(*) EPIRB and PLB registration required by Federal regulations. www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov

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CONTACTS

Contact 1 _____   Phone Number _____

Contact 2 _____   Phone Number _____

Rescue Authority _____   Phone Number _____

ITINERARY

		DATE	TIME	LOCATION / WAYPOINT	MODE OF TRAVEL	REASON FOR STOP	CHECK-IN TIME
1	Depart						
2	Arrive						
	Depart						
3	Arrive						
	Depart						
4	Arrive						
	Depart						
5	Arrive						
	Depart						
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	Depart						
21	Arrive						

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USCG Float Plan - BOATING EMERGENCY GUIDE™

BEFORE YOU BEGIN – This guide is designed to work either with or without a Float Plan. You will need the following items: 1) the <u>Float Plan</u>, if one was given to you; 2) a <u>pen</u> or <u>pencil</u>; 3) a clean sheet of <u>paper</u> or <u>writing tablet</u>; and 4) your local <u>telephone directory</u>.

Step 1: Do you have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of any persons who have not returned or checked-in, in a reasonable amount of time?

If <u>yes</u>, then continue with **Step 2**. Otherwise **STOP** -- no further action is required at this time.

Step 2: Were you given a prepared Float Plan by anyone on board the vessel?

If <u>yes</u>, then continue with **Step 3**. Otherwise, go to **Step 5**.

Step 3: Locate the Contacts at the top of page 2 on the Float Plan. Call Contact number 1…

IF CONTACT #1	THEN
Answers 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? <table><tr><th>IF</th><th>THEN</th></tr><tr><td>Yes</td><td>Continue with **Step 4**.</td></tr><tr><td>No</td><td>**STOP**. No further action is required.</td></tr></table>
Does not answer phone	Continue with **Step 4**.

Step 4: Call Contact number 2…

IF CONTACT #2	THEN
Answers 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? <table><tr><th>IF</th><th>THEN</th></tr><tr><td>Yes</td><td>Continue with **Step 6**.</td></tr><tr><td>No</td><td>**STOP**. No further action is required.</td></tr></table>
Does not answer phone	Continue with **Step 6**.

Step 5: Using the checklist below, jot down only what you know about each item:

> DO NOT SPECULATE. Incorrect information may mislead Search and Rescue personnel; add to the overall search and rescue time; and adversely affect the outcome.

- ☐ Period of time the vessel has been overdue.
- ☐ Purpose of the trip or voyage.
- ☐ Description of vessel. (Type, size, color, features, etc.)
- ☐ Vessel's departure point and destination.
- ☐ Places the vessel planned to stop during transit.
- ☐ Navigation equipment aboard. (Examples: GPS, radar, compass, sounder, etc.)
- ☐ Number of persons aboard. Relevant characteristics such as dependability, reliability, etc.
- ☐ Was the vessel initially docked or moored or did a vehicle tow it to a launch point?
- ☐ License plate number and description of the tow vehicle p and/or the passenger's transport vehicle.
- ☐ Communications equipment aboard, including type of radio and frequencies monitored, cellular or satellite telephone numbers of individuals, etc.
- ☐ Additional points of contact along the vessel's planned route.
- ☐ Operator and/or a passenger/crew member absolutely had to be back at the scheduled return time.
- ☐ Call your local Rescue Authority that responds to marine emergencies (Police. Sheriff, Constable, First responder, etc.).

Go to **Step 6–2**.

Step 6:
1. Call the Rescue Authority contact at the top of page 2 on the Float Plan.
2. Tell the dispatcher you are responding to a late return or check-in by the persons on board the vessel.
3. The dispatcher will instruct you from there.

> **Note:** The dispatcher will provide you with the necessary contact or agency connection to get a search and rescue mission started. This puts you in direct contact with the agency conducting the actual search and rescue, eliminating unnecessary middlemen.
>
> The dispatcher will tell you if he/she desires a follow-up call on the outcome of the rescue.

4. Continue with **Step 7**.

Step 7: Be patient… you've done everything you can possibly do for now. It is important to keep the telephone available so emergency personnel can contact you with additional information and/or questions concerning the search and rescue effort.

<div align="center">**STOP -- End of Guide**</div>

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