

# CHECK LIST AND FLOAT PLAN

## CHECK LIST

Before embarking on a cruise:

1. File a float plan. (See below.)
2. Give consideration to basic safety items, including the following:
  - Vessel in good condition
  - Vessel properly loaded
  - Ample supply of fuel
  - Check weather reports
  - Compass and charts
  - Good anchoring equipment
  - Bailing device
  - Spare parts
  - First-aid kit
  - Tools
  - Extra starting battery
  - Life jackets/Throw-able devices (*Coast Guard-approved*)
  - Fire extinguishers (*Coast Guard-approved*)
  - Visual distress signals
  - Oars or paddles
  - Marine VHF radio
  - Flashlight
3. Cancel your "Float Plan" when you return.

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## FLOAT PLAN

**Operator** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and address of operator \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Search for an overdue boat has a much greater chance of being successful if the U.S. Coast Guard or other rescue agencies have certain facts. For your own safety and before leaving on a cruise, complete this form and leave it with a reliable person who will notify authorities if necessary.

**If overdue, contact** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and phone number or rescue agency near point of departure

**Vessel** \_\_\_\_\_

Name	CF Number	Length
Power, Inboard - Outboard	Rig, If Sail	Hull Color
Type/Style	Range	Speed

**Persons** \_\_\_\_\_ **Radio** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Persons Aboard \_\_\_\_\_ Frequencies \_\_\_\_\_

**Departure From** \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time Depart \_\_\_\_\_

Car Parked License # \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer Parked License # \_\_\_\_\_ Where parked \_\_\_\_\_

**Destination** \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_ Stops en route \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time Return \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: DON'T FORGET TO CANCEL FLOAT PLAN WHEN YOU RETURN.**

### **DISCLAIMER**

The float plan and checklist is not a definitive list of everything that may be required for safe boating on any particular boat or boating excursion. Knowing what is required is the responsibility of each individual boater.