

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.

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.