

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

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	VESSE	L					
IDENTIFICATION:	TELECOMMUNICATIONS:						
Name & Home Port		Radio Call Sign					
Doc/Registration No		DSC MMSI No.					
Year & Make		Radio-1: Type Ch./Freq. Monitored					
Length(ft/M) Type Draft(In/CM) Hull Mat		Radio-2: Type Ch./Freq. Monitored					
Hull Color(s)		Cell	Phone	No			
Prominent Features							
		NAVIG	ATION: (Check all on board)			
PROPULSION:			Maps	Charts	☐ Compass ☐ G	PS / DGPS	
Primary - Type No. Eng Fuel Capacity	(gal/L)		Radar	Loran C	Sounder		
Auxiliary -Type No. Eng Fuel Capacity	(gal/L)						
	ETY & SU	JRVIV	AL				
VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS: AUDIBLE DISTRESS SIGNA	LS:	OTHER	GEAR:				
☐ Day Only type ☐ Horn / Whistle		☐ Life boat / Life raft ☐ Flashlight / Searchlight					
☐ Night Only type ☐ Bell		☐ Dinghy / Skiff ☐ Signal Mirror					
☐ Day & Night type ☐		Food & Water			☐ Drogue / Sea Anchor		
PFDs: (Do not count Type IV devices) GROUND TACKLE:			EPIRB				
Quantity On Board Anchor: Line Length	(ft/M)		Foul Wea	ther Gear			
	SONS ON	BOA	RD				
OPERATOR:		Age	M/F	Notes (Special	medical condition, Can	't swim, etc.)	
Name							
Address				Has experience	: w/Boat w/Area		
City State Zip Code				Home phone: _			
Vehicle (Year, Make & Model):				Vehicle License	No.:		
Trailer will be parked at:				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.							
	ITINERA	\RY					
DATE TIME LOCATIO	ON			MODE OF TRAVEL	REASON FOR STOP	CHECK-IN TIME	
Depart							
Arrive							
Depart							
Arrive							
Depart							
Arrive							
Depart							
Arrive							
Depart Depart							
Arrive							
Depart							
Arrive							
Attach "Supplemental Itiner	rary" if space for	r addition	al destination	ns 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 boatime, then follow step-by-step instructions on the Boating Emergency Guide	ard the Vesse ™ included w	el descri vith this p	bed above olan, or on	, who have not retu the World Wide We	rned or checked-in in a reeb at:	asonable amount of	

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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 ${\bf Step~2}$, otherwise ${\bf STOP}$, 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			
	Take	notes durir	ng your conversation.	
	1.	a late retur	son know you are responding to n or check-in by the individuals on the Float Plan.	
A person answered the phone	2.	anyone els had contac	if the person you are talking to or e at that location, has recently t with anyone on the vessel, and where that contact occurred.	
	3.	Are you still concerned about the safety or welfare of any persons on board the vessel?		
		IF	THEN	
		Yes	Continue with Step 4.	
		No	STOP. No further action is required.	
Otherwise	Cont	inue with S t	tep 4.	

Step 4

Call telephone number for Contact number 2...

IF	THEN			
A person answered the phone	1.	ke notes during your conversation. Let the person know you are responding to a late return or check-in by the individuals designated on the Float Plan.		
	 Are you still concerned about the safety or welfare of any persons on board the vessel? 			
		IF	THEN	
		Yes	Continue with Step 6.	
		No	STOP. No further action is required.	
Otherwise	Cont	inue with St	tep 6.	

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. $ \\$
Cor	tinue with Step 6.
	Step 6
1.	Contact your local Law Enforcement agency (Police or Sheriff).

- 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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