



KEEPING YOUR BOATING EXPERIENCE FUN AND SAFE NASBLA Seal of Safe Boating Practices

••••• A Checklist from the U.S. Coast Guard and this Company •••••



- I will make sure my passengers and I each have a properly fitted and properly adjusted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket and know how to put it on.
- I understand that my passengers and I should wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times when boating.



- I have assigned one responsible adult to keep track of the whereabouts and safety of each child on board.
- I understand that life jackets sized for adults are unsafe for children and that **lowa law requires all children under the age of 13 to wear a life jacket while on a vessel.**



- I understand when crossing the path of another boat, I should yield to the boat on my right, (starboard).

- IF I OR THE OTHER BOAT FAIL TO ACT -



- I understand that if there is a threat of a collision it is my responsibility to slow down, steer away and/or stop.



- I understand that when I meet another boat head-on I should steer to the right (starboard).



- I understand that when I overtake another boat I should pass on the left (port) side, leave plenty of room, and yield (give way) to that boat. If conditions require it, I may pass on the right (starboard) side.



- I understand that I must yield (give way) to all boats under sail.



- I understand that under Federal and/or State law it is a crime to operate a boat while persons are sitting on the front (bow), sides (gunwales), rear (stern), or swim platform. This behavior is considered grossly negligent operation of a boat.



- I understand that using alcohol, drugs and certain prescription medications may impair my ability to operate this boat safely.
- I understand that the same Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) laws that apply to a driver on the roads apply to the driver of a boat and accept the responsibility that goes with it.



- I will not permit anyone to swim or float within 25 feet of the boat unless the boat motor is turned off, the keys are removed and the boat's propeller has stopped spinning.
- I will not allow anyone to dive from the boat. The lake is too shallow and a diver could strike the bottom of the lake causing injury or death.
- I will instruct my passengers never to jump off a moving boat.



- I confirm that rental company staff have informed me about local hazards such as shallow water, submerged objects, currents, and weather conditions.



- I confirm that I am aware of the speed limit, no-wake zones and off-limit areas of the lake including the meaning of all signage and buoys.



- I understand that five short blasts of a horn or whistle signal danger or need for assistance. I acknowledge that all required safety equipment for this type of boat is available, in good working condition, and easy to access and understand how and when to use the safety equipment on this boat.



- I agree that any time a BBQ grill is used on a boat I am required to use a grill mat underneath the grill. (We will provide at no cost.)

PONTOON/DECK BOAT



- I understand that under Federal and/or State law it is a **crime** to operate a boat while persons are sitting on the front (bow), sides (gunwales), rear (stern), or swim platform. This behavior is considered grossly negligent operation of a boat.



- I understand that there is an awareness zone that includes the front (bow), sides (gunwales), rear (stern) and swim platform, and extends 30 feet behind and around this boat.

- I will educate all of my passengers on the awareness zone, and I will not allow anyone to enter the awareness zone unless the boat motor is turned off, the keys are removed, and I have counted to ten to allow the propeller time to stop spinning.



- I will take a head count to make sure all passengers are present and accounted for before starting the motor.

- I understand that it is particularly dangerous to sit on the front of the platform of this boat, because a slip between the pontoons will "funnel" a passenger into the boat propeller.



- I understand that the motor of this boat produces Carbon Monoxide, a colorless, odorless, and lethal gas that can quickly affect people in the awareness zone.

- I will not use any generator that is not supplied as part of the rental package on this boat.



- I understand that this boat has no brakes, so that stopping quickly may be difficult or impossible if I am going too fast.



- I will not operate this boat at speeds that are unsafe for the conditions.

- I will obey No Wake zones/signs which includes 300 ft from shore around the entire lake.



- I understand that it is my responsibility to yield to all non-motorized vessels including sailboats, canoes and kayaks.



- I will make sure that there is a lookout other than the boat operator whenever passengers or parts of this boat obstruct the operator's view.



- I am aware of the total maximum capacity of the boat (including gear) and will not exceed that limit with persons or gear.

- I understand that overloading this boat is unsafe and against the law.



- I will anchor where it is easy for other boats to see this boat (so long as the area is anchorable) and only from the front (bow) of the boat.

- I will use ALL OF THE ANCHOR LINE provided every time I anchor the boat.



- I will remain clear of swimmers and will avoid creating any hazards that may affect people, wildlife, property or other boats.

- I will obey signage and buoys.

- I will make sure that I, or someone who knows how to operate the boat, remain on board whenever the boat is unanchored.



- I have been instructed on what to do in the case of a person overboard, collision, engine failure, the boat runs aground, an unexpected weather event or other dangerous situation.

There is information located on the boat instructing what to do in the event bad weather that may arise.



- Clear Lake has DNR on the water most of the time and a Fire Rescue Boat close by. In case of an emergency, call 911.

- I have received a verbal operational orientation for this boat and understand that several written manuals are on board.

Signed

Date