

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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel in good condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Tools
<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel properly loaded	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra starting battery
<input type="checkbox"/> Ample supply of fuel	<input type="checkbox"/> Life jackets/Throw-able devices (Coast Guard-approved)
<input type="checkbox"/> Check weather reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguishers (Coast Guard-approved)
<input type="checkbox"/> Compass and charts	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual distress signals
<input type="checkbox"/> Good anchoring equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Oars or paddles
<input type="checkbox"/> Bailing device	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine VHF radio
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare parts	<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight
<input type="checkbox"/> First-aid kit	
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

Number of Persons Aboard

Radio

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.