

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.



- I have been instructed on how to use the navigation lights and anchor lights on this boat and I will display them properly if operating at night or when visibility is poor.



- 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 have been informed of the total capacity of ____ people and ____ lbs of gear for this boat. I will not exceed that limit.

- 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).

- I will anchor this boat only from the front (bow).



- I will check to make sure that the water is deep enough before allowing head-first diving from the boat.

- I will instruct my passengers **never** to dive or jump off of a moving boat.

- 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, or other dangerous situation.



- If this boat is equipped with an engine cut-off device, I will use it.

- I have received an operational orientation for this boat and understand that a written manual is on board.

Signed

Date