

## RENTAL BOATS

People may rent powerboats, sail boats, personal watercraft, canoes and kayaks, as well as stand-up paddleboards from rental boat liveries and marinas across the country. Often, renters are first-time or occasional boaters, such as vacationers, and are inexperienced boaters.

It's also important for a boat renter to inquire about boating safety, such as life jackets for all passengers and local boating safety concerns, when renting a boat. Many rental boat liveries and marinas provide a boating safety course that renters are encouraged to take before they may rent a boat.

Accidents with rental boats are often not reported to local marine law enforcement, unless it is serious. According to the [U.S. Coast Guard](#), there are approximately 50 reported fatalities each year involving rental boats. This may be because in many instances, the boat rental vendor keeps a credit card on file, and if the rental boat is returned with damage, the vendor charges the credit card for the estimated damages plus the time for repairs.

The [Personal Watercraft Industry Association](#) provides a free rental education package to PWC rental businesses, including a safety checklist approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

[RentalBoatSafety.com](#) provides various free resources for the rental boat customer and boat rental agency, to learn about rental boat safety.

### More Information

[Boating Safety Education](#)

[Personal Watercraft Industry Association](#)

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