

6 TIPS for operating a bareboat charter

A bareboat charter is when a vessel is chartered without a provided crew, and the crew is not specified by the vessel owner.



1 The agreement

A written or 'bareboat charter' agreement must exist and be signed by the Charterer and boat owner/rep.

*Owner/owner representative CANNOT be the operator or be aboard.



2 12 + 1 rule

Excluding crew, the max. amount of people aboard is 13; the charterer plus 12 guests.

The owner of the vessel may require general levels of proficiency for crew retained.

Crew Hiring



The Charterer must have the option of selecting and paying the crew. The vessel owner may provide a list of qualified captains or the charterer may find their own.

Who pays?



The Charterer pays for:

- the captain & crew
- all food, fuel, & stores
- all port & pilotage fees
- insurance costs covering liability not included in the owner's policy



5 You're fired!

The Charterer may discharge, for cause, the master or any crew without approval from the vessel owner.



6 Vessel Survey

The Charterer must check the vessel and it's belongings, including a damage survey, before going underway and at the end of the voyage. This is similar to a rental car walkaround before and after use.

All reports of illegal charter activity should be reported to your nearest Coast Guard Sector.

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Understanding Passenger for Hire Operations

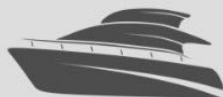
Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993

RECREATIONAL

COMMERCIAL

Pleasure

Safety equipment required by law

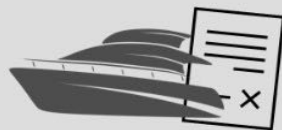


Recommended



Bareboat Charter

Safety equipment required by law +
7 Elements for Bareboat Charter Operations



Recommended



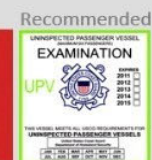
Uninspected Passenger Vessel

Up to 6 passengers at least one for hire less than 100 GROSS TONS
Up to 12 passengers at least one for hire 100 GROSS TONS or more

Safety equipment required by law +



Merchant Mariner Credential
Drug & Alcohol Program
Type I PFDs
COD: > 5 NET TONS



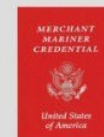
Small Passenger Vessel

7 or more passengers at least one for hire

Safety equipment required by law +



Merchant Mariner Credential
Drug & Alcohol Program
Type I PFDs
Certificate of Inspection
Stability Letter
COD: > 5 NET TONS





MARINE EVENTS 101

per 33 CFR 100.15

What is it?

01



An event happening on the water such as a parade, regatta, rally, or race.

What comes next?

02



Fill out a Marine Event Application to be submitted to the Coast Guard

Per Florida law, a notification of the event needs to be sent to the county Sheriff's office or Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Where is the application?

03



Coast Guard Homeport

- Visit homeport.uscg.mil
- At the top center of the page is a drop down menu, 'Featured Homeport Links'
- Click on 'Marine Event Permit'
- Complete the form and submit

When does it need to be submitted?

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Events need to be submitted at least 135 days in advance

Have questions?

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Call the local Coast Guard Sector Waterways division:

- Sector Key West - 305-292-8768
- Sector Miami - 305-535-4317
- Sector St. Petersburg - 813-228-2191
- Sector Charleston - 843-323-7761
- Sector Jacksonville - 904-714-7616
- Sector San Juan - 787-691-7058