

## **Float Plan**

Before heading out on the water for any length of time, boaters should always check the marine weather forecast, ensure all their safety equipment is on board and meets state and Federal requirements, AND file a Float Plan.

Filing a Float Plan is nothing more than a trip itinerary a boater leaves with a reliable relative or friend who can contact the appropriate authorities in the event the boater does not return when expected. The Float Plan outlines a description of the vessel, the expected route, ports of call, safety equipment on board and an estimated date and time of return. If the operator or passengers have a medical condition or are taking medication, that information should be included as well.

One of the U.S. Coast Guard's primary missions is search and rescue. However, boaters can help limit search time if they leave behind a Float Plan. Too often in the past, valuable time was lost because there was very little information available when initiating the search. Another thing boaters seem to overlook is notifying those back home when schedules change or unexpected delays occur. There have been cases in the past where boaters were reported overdue and then later found safe and sound at some distant marina or at some shoreside establishment. Boaters should always notify those back home when they will be delayed or if they decide to change their itinerary.

Create a trip, enter the float plan data, print out or email to a reliable friend.



## FLOAT PLAN

\* Float Plans cannot be filed with the Coast Guard.

### DESCRIPTION OF BOAT:

TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ HULL COLOR \_\_\_\_\_  
TRIM COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_  
REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ POWER/SAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
ENGINE TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ H.P. \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONS ON BOARD (POB)

NAME AGE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

### SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT (CHECK AS APPROPRIATE):

PFDs \_\_\_ SURVIVAL SUITS \_\_\_ FLARES \_\_\_ SMOKE SIGNALS \_\_\_  
MIRROR \_\_\_ FLASHLIGHT \_\_\_ EPIRB \_\_\_ FOOD \_\_\_ WATER \_\_\_ ANCHOR \_\_\_  
RAFT OR DINGHY \_\_\_ PADDLES \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_

\*FREQ'S BROADCAST: VHF-FM CHNL. 15/16 121.5 mHz \_\_\_ 406 mHz \_\_\_

RADIO YES/NO TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ FREQs GUARDED \_\_\_\_\_

TRIP PLANS: LEAVE AT: (TIME) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EXPECT TO RETURN BY \_\_\_\_\_ AND IN ANY EVENT NO LATER THAN: \_\_\_\_\_

### AUTOMOBILE:

LICENSE NR \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

TRAILER LICENSE \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE PARKED \_\_\_\_\_

IF NOT RETURNED BY (DATE/TIME): \_\_\_\_\_

CALL THE COAST GUARD (808-541-2500), OR LOCAL AUTHORITY (911).