

BOWDOIN COLLEGE
Boat Operation Safety Policy

1.0 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Boat Operation Safety Policy is to provide guidelines for students, faculty, staff, and (d)-2(GE.54 0 Td (af)-1)11.8 Td (af)- (l)30.3(s)620.5 s059 Tc -0.059 Tw 21054 0 4 (e)--20.7 Bow

3.2 Basic Equipment for a motorized vessels

- A. PFD's for all passengers
- B. One Type IV PFD for the vessel (float cushion or ring buoy)
- C. Visual Distress Signaling (VDS) kit
- D. Fire extinguisher(s) is/are required on all vessels in State waters on vessels with closed compartments or permanently installed fuel tanks
- E. Sound producing device: ~~E7~~ (i)-44 -ng

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All motorized vessels shall submit a Float Plan by e-mail to the Marine Operations Manager (c.thompson@bowdoin.edu) 24-hours in advance of their planned departure. The Bowdoin College Marine Operations Manager will review the float plan and approve or disapprove it. The Marine Operations Manager will submit approved float plans to Security (secure@bowdoin.edu).

- A. A Float Plan template can be found on the Bowdoin College website at: <http://www.bowdoin.edu/facilities/safety/policies-and-procedures> and in Attachment 2.
- B. Float Plans must be filled out completely for the appropriate vessel for each daily vessel operation. The operator will get underway only when the plan is approved. ANY CHANGES, particularly with passengers, will be brought to the attention of the Marine Operations Manager and Security by phone or in writing. All Float Plans must designate an emergency contact person who will be aware of the vessel's operations and its expected return. That individual should be available for contact by Security for any issues with the plan or the operations. The contact person shall be reachable by cell phone but not on an extension or message monitored landline.
- C. Prior to departure Operators must call security to notify of departure time.
- D. Upon completion of underway operations, the vessel operator shall notify the Safety and Security Department to properly end the marine operations event for the partiage mo oon147po

of repair should be brought to the attention of the vessel's contact person or the Marine Operations Manager.

3. The Marine Operations Manager or the

Boat Operation Safety Policy Contact List

Outside Agency Contact List:

State of Maine:

Marine Patrol (24 hour dispatch State Police Dispatch) 1-800-228-0857

Emergency phone # 911*

United States Coast Guard, Sector Northern New England:

****Emergency Hailing VHF channel 16****

Primary Phone (207) 767-0320

Emergency small boat station 'Watch Stander' (207) 767-0303

Harpwell Town Office (207) 833-5405, Harbor Master

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office (Primary Public Safety for Harpswell)
Sheriff's Deputy 1-800-501-1111 (non-emergency)

Note: If underway in an emergency it is best to utilize the vessel VHF radio channel #16 to hail the Coast Guard – any boats operating in your vicinity will also hear your radio traffic. Whereas, a cell phone in an emergency call is useful, but only the person you call hears you.

Department/Group:

Date of Trip:

Trip Coordinator:

Shore Contact:

Vessel:

Operator:

Passengers & H O O:

Phone:

Phone:

Cell:

Planned Activity:

Weather Report:

Conditions on the Plan:

Estimated Time of Departure:

Destination:

Estimated Time of Return:

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Plan Received and Approved:

Day/Time:

Notice of Departure Received

Day/Time:

Notice of Return Received:

Day/Time:

Submit Completed Plan 24hrs prior to departure to osjv@bowdoin.edu
(osjv@bowdoin.edu)

Boat Operator must call Bowdoin Security prior to departure and immediately upon return
207-725-3314

Attachment 3
Boat Operation Safety Policy
Online Course List

Recommended Training Courses

The fundamentals of boating safety are critical for responsible boating. Bowdoin College wants all involved to have the best experience possible on Maine waters and therefore, requires all operators of motorized vessels to take a boating safety course followed by a field session practical.

Boating Safety Web Sites and on line courses that meet A rA

Attachment 4
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Field Session Checklist

Name: _____ Department: _____ Extension: _____

The Operator / Supervisor must show familiarity with the following items, to the satisfaction of the Instructor

- 1 Float plan components and filing
- 2 Boating terminology
- 3 Reading boat and motor specifications and registrations
- 4 Pre departure equipment, operational and safety checks, including fueling
- 5 Instructions to passengers
- 6 Casting off / getting underway
- 7 Safe operation at low and high motoring speeds
- 8 Observance of the inland and international "rules of the road"
- 9 Chart, marker, and electronic navigation
- 10 Radio use and signaling procedures and VHF Emergency Communications
- 11 Anchoring, linehandling, and knots
- 12 Engine and equipment troubleshooting
- 13 Location and use of emergency equipment, PFDs, flares, life ring, first aid kit
- 14 Knowledge of emergency procedures and accident reporting requirements
- 15 Reading weather notifications, tides, and water; interpreting marine weather reports
- 16 Safe navigation of local waterways
- 17 Approaching dock / mooring, and tying up
- 18 Post docking equipment, operational and safety checks, including re fueling
- 19 Proper maintenance of storage and equipment
- 20 Trailering operations

Signature of Instructor: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

BOWDOIN COLLEGE
ASSUMPTION OF RISK STATEMENT AND INDEMNIFICATION/RELEASE AGREEMENT

In consideration of Bowdoin College (the "College") allowing _____ ("Participant") to (participate in/use) the _____ (the "Activity"), the undersigned agree(s) as follows:

1. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Claims" means any and all claims, liabilities, demands, causes of action, losses, debts, costs and expenses of every kind and nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly from or attributable in any way whatsoever to Participant's participation in/use of the Activity, including but not limited to any and all such claims, liabilities, demands, causes of action, losses, debts, costs and expenses arising directly or indirectly from or attributable in any way whatsoever to Participant's travel to or from the Activity, medical treatment of Participant during or related to the Activity, and the sponsorship, planning, organization or supervision of the Activity by any person or entity.

2. I understand that the Activity poses risks of personal injury, loss or damage to property, or loss of life. I knowingly assume any and all risks connected with the Activity.

3. I hereby release and forever discharge the College, its officers, employees, Trustees and agents (the "Released Parties") from, and waive and promise not to sue on account of, any and all Claims. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all Claims, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees arising from any Claim or threatened Claim.

4. I agree and acknowledge that the foregoing waiver, release, indemnity and promise not to sue applies to and includes any Claim arising directly or indirectly from or attributable in any way whatsoever to any act or omission, including any negligent act or omission, on the part of a Released Party.

5. This Agreement shall be governed by Maine law and shall be binding on my heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns. If any part of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable by a court or other body having jurisdiction, the provisions shall be altered and not eliminated as may be considered reasonable, and as amended shall be enforced.

THIS IS AN INDEMNITY AND RELEASE AGREEMENT
READ AND UNDERSTAND IT BEFORE SIGNING

Parent/Guardian's Signature/Printed Name*

Participant's Signature/Printed Name

Date

Address

* Parent or guardian must sign if Participant is under eighteen.