

BOAT OPERATIONAL CHECKLIST

- Life vests- locate; must be worn at all times if 13 years of age or under
- Throwable cushion- locate; to be used if someone falls out of the boat
- Fire extinguisher, flares, sound producing device, vessel registration, JSOIB phone # - locate
- Operation of boat:
 - cut-off lanyard should be worn by driver- show how it works
 - engine trim up and down on side of throttle arm- show how it works. Boat to be operated with engine in full down position
 - to initiate gear slowly move throttle forward or backward until it clicks into gear, move the throttle slowly forward to increase speed- show how it works. NOTE- engine will not start unless boat is in neutral.
 - steering is like a car- left is left and right is right.

**** There are 2 ways to damage this boat****

- 1- you steer into something and have a wreck- don't do that! When in doubt, go SLOW!
 - 2- you get too shallow and run aground. Turn on depth finder and show the switch that operates it. If depth reaches 3 feet, you are about to have a problem. STOP, go the other way. Highly recommended to stay in the main waterway and out of marsh creeks. Depth should be no less than 8 feet if you are in the waterway, if less, get back to the center. **IF YOU RUN AGROUND-** go to neutral immediately, **DO NOT GIVE THE ENGINE THROTTLE.** Trim engine up until black fin just clears surface. Put in reverse to get out- NO THROTTLE. If still stuck, turn engine off and trim engine up all the way. Use paddle to push off or get out and push. **DO NOT EVER CRANK THE ENGINE WHILE SOMEONE IS OUT OF THE BOAT.** REMINDER- do not use the engine like a bulldozer to dig rocks, shells, sand in order to get out. Prop is \$250. Lower unit gear is \$2500. Engine is \$9000. Use good sense and take care of the engine!
- Riding Area: ICW as far north as Southport and as far South as you want- be back on time!
 - When docking approach VERY SLOW. Dock on face dock and find attendant to help with fuel.
 - **NO** towing of anything behind this vessel at any time, **NO** ocean operation of this vessel at any time, **NO** night operation of this vessel at any time

What to do in the event of an accident

1. Stop and render assistance to minimize any danger resulting from the accident.
2. Contact Jet Ski OIB agent and notify of accident, they will contact Wildlife if necessary.

Local and State Operation Laws

- Boats must be operated at all times in a reasonable and prudent manner. **Maneuvers that endanger people or property constitute reckless operation**
- When two vessels approach each from opposite directions **“heads on”**, **each must alter course to the right** to avoid collision
- When one vessel over takes another going in the same direction, the craft being overtaken must maintain course and speed, and the passing vessel must keep a sufficient distance to avoid collision or endangering the other craft from its wake.
- **All vessels must be operated at reasonable speeds for given situations** and must be under the complete control of the operator at all times. Boats must operate at "idle speed" while in canals

****THUNDER & LIGHTNING- SEEK SAFE REFUGE AND/OR RETURN TO DOCK**

**** \$100/HR RECOVERY FEE FOR STRANDED EQUIPMENT OR PASSENGER RETRIEVAL**

****IF YOU BEACH YOUR EQUIPMENT AND DO NOT TEND, YOU WILL GET STUCK!**

Show map and how it works; where we are now. Recommend the end of Ocean Isle or Bird Island for anchoring up and playing on beach. Recommend under Ocean Isle or Sunset bridge or main land side of Shallotte Inlet; in front of big house for fishing.