

## BOAT CARE + HANDLING

**Emergency Situations** - In an emergency, the Operator should first call 9-1-1, then notify Boat Pittsburgh as soon as possible. The Operator must fill out an Incident Report Form, as soon as possible and no later than two (2) days following an incident.

**Preexisting damage** - Prior to departure from the dock, Boat Pittsburgh and the Operator will inspect the boat for damages and document any damages on the Damage Checklist. Both parties will sign the checklist prior to departure from the boat launch. Upon return of the boat, the Operator may be held liable for any damages that occurred during the rental period or failed to be documented prior to departure.

**Parking/Docking** - The Operator may only park or dock the boat in a valid, accessible boat slip or a publicly accessible docking area. Anchoring or mooring of the watercraft is the responsibility of the Operator. Damage can occur from the craft rubbing against another boat or a dock, shallow water or concrete shoreline. The Operator is solely responsible for all damages, parking tickets, citations, violations and any resulting fees and obligations that are incurred from the boat being improperly parked/docked. You will be responsible for lost or stolen watercraft while in your possession.

**Swimming** - The boat's engine should not be running within 100 feet of any swimmers. Severe injury can occur.

**Water Traffic** - The Operator shall pay attention to all traffic on the water. As these watercraft will be the most maneuverable on the water, it will be your responsibility to yield the right of way to all other watercraft. Generally, the "rules of the road" on the water is similar to those on land. Oncoming traffic should be passed on the right, do not cut across another boats bow. When passing traffic going in the same direction, pass to the left, leaving as much space as possible between watercraft. A safe rule of thumb is 200 feet between watercraft.

**Insurance Policy** - Boat Pittsburgh will maintain proof of insurance on board at all times.

**Claims for Loss or Damage** - Boat Pittsburgh is not responsible for the loss of any personal equipment or items brought onboard during the rental period.

**Responsibility for Damages** - The Operator shall notify Boat Pittsburgh staff of any and all crew injuries and equipment damages immediately upon returning to the boat launch. If a boat is damaged during a rental, it is the responsibility of the Operator to gather all necessary relevant information from the scene of the accident and submit the collected information to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Boat Pittsburgh staff.

**Coverage Period** - The Operator is covered by Boat Pittsburgh's insurance policy solely during the official rental period as outlined under the Rental Agreement as well as Boat Pittsburgh's insurance policy.