

## 2024 Boating Safety Manual Errata (summary of changes between 2023 and 2024 version)

*Takes the 2023 version to 2024*

Cover and bottom left of page, change revision 05-2024 and bottom right of page, Anne Muller, MS.

Page 5 – Under 1.4 Float Plan definition, changed text:

Float Plans must be filed with the FIU unit that owns the boat (typically SERC FOC or Marine Sciences), the Boating Safety Officer, and the crew chief emergency contact assigned by the float plan, ~~at least two (2) hours~~ by 3:00 PM (15:00) EST the business day prior to commencing boat operations.

Page 8 – Under 1.5.3 Principal Investigator, changed text:

That a float plan is filed with the BSO, the Crew Chief Emergency Contact and the owner of the vessels by 3:00 PM (15:00) EST the business day ~~within a two (2) hour timeframe~~ prior to boat operations.

Page 30 – Under 5.4 Airboat Operational Safety Procedures, changed text:

Airboat crew chiefs must file a float plan by 3:00 PM (15:00) EST the business day prior to ~~two (2) hours of~~ departure.

Page 44 – Under 8.4 Notifications changed text:

After any serious boating accident or incident which results in the disappearance of any person, a fatality, personal injury which requires medical attention beyond first-aid, or damage to vessel(s) and or personal property exceeding \$2000 diving accident or incident, the following personnel must be notified as soon as possible and no ~~sooner~~ later than 24 hours.

Page 46 – Under 9.0 Chartering and Rentals, added text:

The operator of the “bareboat” vessel will meet the minimum requirements set forth by the FIU boating safety manual for type and size of vessel. If an FIU Crew Chief is the one operating the vessel, all Operational Safety Procedures (Section 3.6) must be followed, including submitting a vessel safety checklist. Non FIU Personnel operating the vessel do not have access to online vessel safety checklist, but FIU personnel need to ensure the vessel is equipped with required safety equipment listed under Section 3.5.

Page 46 – Under 9.0 Chartering and Rentals, changed text:

A Float Plan must be submitted by 3:00 pm (15:00) EST the business day prior to field operations and approved prior to departure field operations ~~by to the BSO. and Crew Chief Emergency Contact who will begin notification should the boat fail to return.~~

Page 47 – 10.0 Volunteers, changed section number:

Will now be section 11.0

Page 46 – Under 10.0 Personal Motorized Vessels, added text:

“Use of private or personal motorized vessels (registered as recreational vessels) by FIU approved personnel will need a formal request submitted to the BSO/FIU Boating Safety Committee, and may be considered for approval if the following conditions are met:

In the US and US territories:

1. The vessel is for short-term, limited use (not long term).
2. The vessel is only used for official sponsored research during that trip (i.e., not a mixture of research and recreational use within a single trip).
3. No “consideration” (direct or indirect benefits), money, or funding source makes its way to the owner for use of the vessel. The intent is that the vessel is “donated” by the owner for a particular research trip.
4. Vessel must be properly registered and insured, including liability insurance.
5. All other applicable FIU boating policies must be followed (i.e., safety equipment, float plan submitted, and communication standards)

Outside US territories:

1. The vessel is only used for official sponsored research during that trip (i.e., not a mixture of research and recreational use within a single trip).
2. Vessel must be properly registered and insured, including liability insurance.
3. All other applicable FIU boating policies must be followed (i.e., safety equipment, float plan submitted, and communication standards)

## **10.1 REFERENCES**

- 46 CFR, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, Requirements
- 46 CFR, Subpart-U, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, Requirements
- FIU Drug and Alcohol Policy for Marine Employees 1710.349

Private or personal motorized vessels owned by an FIU employee should not be used to complete FIU sponsored research by employees, but if there is an exceptional circumstance, a formal request must be submitted to the BSO/FIU Boating Committee for review with final approval from ORED.

If student tuition or grant funds would be a "consideration" or contribute to the vessel use as a condition of carriage on the vessel, whether directly or indirectly flowing to the owner, charterer, operator, agent, or any other person having interest in the vessel, the vessel would need to be registered as commercial and officially designated by the United States Coast Guard as an Oceanographic Research Vessel.”