



**U.S. COAST GUARD**



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## The National Recreational Boating Survey

**This survey is being conducted to find out about people's recreational boating experiences and to improve the effectiveness of boating safety programs.** It is being administered by [contractor name] on behalf of the U. S. Coast Guard, in collaboration with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and your state boating officials. By responding to this survey, you are playing an important role in helping the U.S. Coast Guard improve boating safety and the quality of boating experiences across the country.

- ◆ Using boat registration files, we have sampled one of your registered boats. When responding to questions referring to your "identified boat" please answer about the boat noted in the box below.
- ◆ This questionnaire is designed to be completed by the recreational boating participant with the most recent birthday. If the selected boating participant is a child under the age of 16, then the questionnaire should be completed with the assistance of an adult.
- ◆ Boat-specific questions (#11 through #22 and 25 through 44) are to be answered with the assistance of the owner of this registered boat or the person in the household most familiar with the sampled boat.

Your "identified boat": [description of boat]

If you no longer own this particular boat, please continue anyway. The questionnaire will address this situation.

**Your responses to this survey will be kept completely confidential** and will only be reported in combination with the responses of others. Your privacy will be protected to the maximum extent allowable by law, and your name will not be given to the U.S. Coast Guard or any other organizations.

**Please record your answers with either a pen or pencil.** When you are finished with the survey, please place it in the enclosed self-addressed, postage-paid envelope and return it to [contractor name] within two weeks of receipt. If you have any questions please contact [contractor contact person] at [telephone number] or [e-mail address].

**Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey.**

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

The U.S. Coast Guard estimates that the average burden for this report is 20-25 minutes. You may submit any comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate or any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Commandant (G-3PCB-1), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

## YOUR PARTICIPATION IN RECREATIONAL BOATING DURING 2007

Participation in recreational boating includes use of any boat owned by you, someone else, or a rented or chartered boat that does not include a captain or crew. Being a passenger on a ferry, tour or cruise ship, or any other commercial boat is not considered to be participation in recreational boating and should not be included in your responses to the following questions.

1. Did you participate in recreational boating during 2007? (Check only one.)

- Yes  No → (Skip to question 11.)

2. How many days during 2007 did you boat on board all boats that you own, boats owned by others, or boats that you rented?

Number of days: \_\_\_\_\_

3. On/in which types of recreational boats did you go out on the water during 2007? Which of those boats did you personally operate, paddle, or row? And how many days did you go out on the water on board each of those boats during 2007?

Types of recreational boats	Boated on/in during 2007 (Check all that apply.)	Operated, paddled, or rowed during 2007 (Respond only for those checked at left.)	Number of days on the water during 2007 (Respond only for those checked at left.)
Airboat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Auxiliary sail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Cabin motorboat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Canoe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Kayak	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Houseboat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Inflatable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Open motorboat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Pontoon boat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Rowboat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Sail only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

4. How many years have you been boating?

- Less than one year   
  1-2 years   
  3-5 years   
  6-8 years   
  9-10 years   
  More than 10 years

5. Does your household own any life jackets? If yes, how many? (Check only one.)

Yes → How many? \_\_\_\_\_  No

6. In your opinion, what is the primary reason an adult boater would not wear a life jacket while participating in a recreational boating activity?

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7. In your opinion, what motivates an adult boater to wear a life jacket while participating in a recreational boating activity?

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8. During 2007, which of the following activities did you engage in while boating, and how many days did you participate in each of these activities?

Recreational activities	Engaged in while boating during 2007 (Check all that apply.)	Number of days participated in while boating during 2007 (Respond only for those checked at left.)
Cruising	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fishing from a boat	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Hunting from a boat	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Quiet water paddling	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Racing	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Rowing	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Scuba diving or snorkeling	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Sightseeing or nature observation from a boat	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Sunbathing	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Swimming or diving from a boat	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Waterskiing, wakeboarding, or tubing	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Whitewater boating	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

9. **While boating during 2007, were there any instances when the operator or the passengers were drinking alcoholic beverages?** (Check all that apply.)

- Yes, the operator
- Yes, the passengers → (Skip to question 11.)
- No → (Skip to question 11.)
- Don't know/don't recall → (Skip to question 11.)

10. **During 2007, were you ever out on a recreational boat while you believed the operator was impaired due to drinking alcoholic beverages?** (Check only one.)

- Yes
- No

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOAT IDENTIFIED IN THE ACCOMPANYING COVER LETTER

11. **Do you, or does someone else in your household, own the boat identified in the letter that accompanied this survey?** (Check only one; then continue as directed.)

- Yes → (Skip to question 12.)
- No → **11a. Which statement best describes what was done with that boat?** (Please check only one.)
  - I never owned that boat.
  - I sold that boat and purchased, or plan to purchase, another boat.
  - I sold that boat and do not plan to purchase another boat.
  - I traded that boat in on another boat.
  - I gave that boat away and purchased, or plan to purchase, another boat.
  - I gave that boat away and do not plan to purchase another boat.
  - I disposed of that boat (e.g., landfill, salvage) and purchased, or plan to purchase another boat.
  - I disposed of that boat (e.g., landfill, salvage) and do not plan to purchase another boat.

(If you responded "No" to question 11, skip to question 42 after responding to question 11a.)

12. Please complete the following information about the boat that was identified in the letter you received with this survey. This boat is labeled as the “identified boat” in subsequent questions.

Type of Boat (Check only one.)	Length (in feet)	What is its registration status?  If registered, in which state?	Was the boat taken out on the water in 2007?  If so, how many days?	On average, how many hours was this boat taken out on the days it was taken out on the water?	On average, how many persons were on board while the boat was out on the water?
<input type="checkbox"/> Airboat <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary sail <input type="checkbox"/> Cabin motorboat <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe <input type="checkbox"/> Kayak <input type="checkbox"/> Houseboat <input type="checkbox"/> Inflatable <input type="checkbox"/> Open motorboat <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft <input type="checkbox"/> Pontoon boat <input type="checkbox"/> Rowboat <input type="checkbox"/> Sail only <input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____ feet  <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered* In which state: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Documented* *  <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> No, it was not taken out on the water in 2007.  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, it was taken out on the water in 2007.  Number of days: _____	(Skip this question if the boat was not taken out on the water in 2007.)  Number of hours: _____	Number of persons: _____  (Skip this question if the boat was not taken out on the water in 2007.)

**\*Registered Boats:** Most states require that boats with motors or engines be registered in the state where the owner resides or the boat is operated regardless of their length. Many states also require boats over a certain length to be registered even if they do not have a motor or engine. The size requirement varies from state-to-state. Some boats can be registered and also U.S. Coast Guard documented.

**\*\*U.S. Coast Guard Documented Boats:** Some vessels that measure at least five net tons and are wholly owned by a citizen of the U.S. can be documented. Most vessels more than 25 feet in length will measure five net tons or more. Vessel documentation is a national form of registration that provides conclusive evidence of nationality for international purposes. Many financial institutions require vessels which are eligible for documentation to be documented and to have preferred mortgages recorded against them.

13. What is the model year of the “identified boat”?

Model year: \_\_\_\_\_

I don't know.

14. Was the “identified boat” new or used (pre-owned) when purchased? (Check only one.)

New

Used/pre-owned

I don't know.

15. Of which material is the hull of the “identified boat” constructed? (Check only one.)

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum/steel | <input type="checkbox"/> Rigid hull inflatable | <input type="checkbox"/> Other material |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic        | <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber/vinyl/canvas   | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood                  |   |

16. What is the “identified boat’s” primary means of propulsion? (Check only one.)

- Human powered (oars, paddles, pedals) → (Skip to question 21.)
- Air thrust
- Propeller
- Sail
- Water jet
- I don't know.

17. Which type of motor or engine powers the “identified boat”? Do not include trolling motors. (Check only one.)

- It does not have a motor or engine. → (Skip to question 21.)
- Inboard engine
- Outboard motor
- Sterndrive (inboard-outboard) engine
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- I don't know.

18. How many engines or motors power the “identified boat”? Do not include trolling motors (Check only one.)

- 1 motor/engine
- 2 motors/engines
- 3 or more motors/engines
- I don't know.

19. What is the total horsepower of the engines or motors that power the “identified boat”? If that boat has twin 25-horsepower engines, its total horsepower is 50. (Record only numbers—no commas, letters, or periods. Examples: 50, 75, 100.)

Total horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_

- I don't know.

20. Which type(s) of fuel is/are used in the “identified boat’s” primary engines? (Check all that apply.)

- |                                 |                                   |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel | <input type="checkbox"/> Gasoline | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know. |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|

- Electric  Other

**SPENDING ON THE “IDENTIFIED BOAT” DURING 2007**

21. **Did your household spend any money on items/services for the “identified boat” during 2007?** (Check only one.)

- Yes  No → (Skip to question 23.)

22. **How much money did your household spend on each of the following items/services for the “identified boat” during 2007?** (Report your spending only for the “identified boat” and not for other boats that you owned.)

Spending categories	Amount spent on the “identified boat” during 2007 (Round to the nearest dollar. Do not include any commas or symbols.)
Boat loan payments, including principal and interest	\$ _____ .00
Fuel	\$ _____ .00
Insurance, including liability, theft, and fire	\$ _____ .00
New or pre-owned outboard motors	\$ _____ .00
New or pre-owned trailers	\$ _____ .00
Storage, including slip rental fees, dry stack, winter storage, and self-storage rental	\$ _____ .00
Taxes (e.g., personal, property)	\$ _____ .00
Boat maintenance, repairs, or the installation of new products or upgrades performed by others, including labor and parts	\$ _____ .00
Products, parts, supplies, and accessories that you purchased directly, including electronics and navigation equipment, parts, docking and anchors, paint and maintenance supplies, hardware, sails, sailing supplies, and trailer parts	\$ _____ .00

**YOUR EXPERIENCE OPERATING THE “IDENTIFIED BOAT”**

23. **Are you the primary operator of the “identified boat”?** (Check only one.)

- Yes  No

24. **Which category best describes your skill level operating this type of boat?** (Check only one.)

- Beginner  
 Intermediate  
 Advanced  
 Expert

(If you responded in question 12 that the “identified boat” was not taken out on the water during 2007, please skip to question 42.)

**BOATING ACTIVITY ON BOARD THE “IDENTIFIED BOAT” DURING 2007**

25. In which states—including the state where your permanent residence is located—was the “identified boat” taken out on the water during 2007? And how many days was it taken out on the water in each of those states? (Use the two-letter state abbreviations which follow.)

States where boated in 2007 (use two-letter abbreviations)	Number of days taken out on the water during 2007
State 1: _____	_____
State 2: _____	_____
State 3: _____	_____
State 4: _____	_____
State 5: _____	_____

**State Abbreviations**

Alabama (AL)	Illinois (IL)	Nebraska (NE)	South Carolina (SC)
Alaska (AK)	Indiana (IN)	Nevada (NV)	South Dakota (SD)
Arizona (AZ)	Iowa (IA)	New Hampshire (NH)	Tennessee (TN)
Arkansas (AR)	Kansas (KS)	New Jersey (NJ)	Texas (TX)
California (CA)	Louisiana (LA)	New Mexico (NM)	Utah (UT)
Colorado (CO)	Maine (ME)	New York (NY)	Vermont (VT)
Connecticut (CT)	Maryland (MD)	North Carolina (NC)	Virginia (VA)
Delaware (DE)	Massachusetts (MA)	North Dakota (ND)	Washington (WA)
District of Columbia (DC)	Michigan (MI)	Ohio (OH)	West Virginia (WV)
Florida (FL)	Minnesota (MN)	Oklahoma (OK)	Wisconsin (WI)
Georgia (GA)	Mississippi (MS)	Oregon (OR)	Wyoming (WY)
Hawaii (HI)	Missouri (MO)	Pennsylvania (PA)	
Idaho (ID)	Montana (MT)	Rhode Island (RI)	

26. During 2007, was the “identified boat” operated on freshwater or on saltwater? (Check all that apply.)

- Freshwater → (If only “freshwater” is checked, answer question 27, then skip to question 29.)
- Saltwater → (If only “saltwater” is checked, skip to question 28.)



27. On which types of freshwater was the “identified boat” operated during 2007? (Check all that apply.)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bays, inlets, sounds or harbors | <input type="checkbox"/> Rivers or streams     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canals                          | <input type="checkbox"/> The Great Lakes       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intercoastal waterways          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakes, ponds or reservoirs      | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know          |

(If you checked only “freshwater” in question 26, please skip to question 29.)

28. On which types of saltwater was the “identified boat” operated during 2007? (Check all that apply.)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canals           | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-shore ocean       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulfs            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Near-shore ocean | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know.         |

29. In which of the following boating-related activities did you or other persons engage while on board the “identified boat” during 2007? (Check all that apply.)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cruising                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing or nature observation from a boat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing from a boat        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunbathing                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting from a boat        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming or diving from a boat                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet water paddling       | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterskiing, wakeboarding, or tubing          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racing                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater boating                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scuba diving or snorkeling | _____  |

30. During which months in 2007 was the “identified boat” taken out on the water? (Check all that apply.)

- |                                   |                                |                                    |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> January  | <input type="checkbox"/> April | <input type="checkbox"/> July      | <input type="checkbox"/> October  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> May   | <input type="checkbox"/> August    | <input type="checkbox"/> November |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March    | <input type="checkbox"/> June  | <input type="checkbox"/> September | <input type="checkbox"/> December |

(If you responded “human-powered” to question 16, please skip to question 32.)

31. What is the average number of hours the “identified boat’s” motor(s)/engine(s) were operated on a typical day of use during 2007?

Number of hours: \_\_\_\_\_

- I don't know.

32. Was the “identified boat” transported/trailerred for the purpose of launching it during 2007? (Check only one.)

- Yes  No → (Skip to question 35.)

33. At which type(s) of launch sites/ramps was the “identified boat” launched during 2007? (Check all that apply.)

- A launch site operated by a state boating or fishing agency
- A launch site operated by a county or local government
- A launch site operated by a federal agency (National Park Service, NOAA, U.S. Forest Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation)
- A launch site at a marina or dry stack
- A privately owned/operated launch site
- Other
- I don't know.


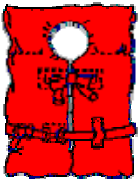



34. How many times was the “identified boat” transported/trailerred and launched in 2007?

Number of times: \_\_\_\_\_

35. How often were there life jackets and other life preservers on board the “identified boat” when it was taken out on the water during 2007? (Check only one.)

- Always or most of the time
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never → (Skip to question 37.)

36. How many of each of the following types of life jackets and other life preservers were usually on board the “identified boat” while it was out on the water during 2007?

				
<b>Type I</b>	<b>Type II</b>	<b>Type III</b>	<b>Type IV</b>	<b>Type V</b>
<b>Off-shore Life Jacket</b>	<b>Near-shore Buoyant Vest</b>	<b>Flotation Aid</b>	<b>Flotation Aid</b>	<b>Inflated Hybrid (special use)</b>
(This life jacket is for extended survival in rough, open water. It has over 22 pounds of buoyancy)	(This "classic" vest comes in several sizes for adults and children )	(Flotation Aid often used for paddling / fishing)	(Flotation Aid often used for paddling / fishing)	
# _____	# _____	# _____	# _____	# _____

37. Which other types of equipment were usually on board the “identified boat” while it was out on the water during 2007? (Check all that apply.)

- Anchor and line
- Bilge pump/bail bucket
- Global Positioning System-GPS
- GPS and WAAS-Wide Angle Augmentation System

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CB radio                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Loran                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cellular phone                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation charts        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chart finder                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation lights        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Paddles or oars          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depth finder                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Porta potty/fixed toilet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Differential Global Positioning System-DGPS | <input type="checkbox"/> Radar                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tool kit                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General map                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> VHF Marine radio         |

38. Other than life jackets, was there usually any other emergency/safety equipment on board the “identified boat” when it was out on the water during 2007? (Check only one.)

- Yes
- No → (Skip to question 40.)

39. Which types of emergency/safety equipment were usually on board the “identified boat” while it was out on the water during 2007? And which of these items did someone use at least once while on board this boat during that year? (Check all that apply.)

Types of emergency/safety equipment	Was it on board during 2007?	Was it used during 2007?
First aid kit (a collection of medical supplies and equipment for treating minor injuries that can be safely used without the assistance of a medical practitioner such as a doctor, a nurse, or an emergency medical technician)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ring or other throwable flotation device	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety rope	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equipment for reaching someone in the water such as a boat hook or similar piece of equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visual distress signals (flares or flags)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound signals (horns, whistles, and other sound devices)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon-EPIRB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

40. During 2007, was the “identified boat” involved in any of the following incidents? (Check all that apply.) For each type of incident that is selected, how many times did it occur? And how many incidents were reported to U.S. Coast Guard, state, or local authorities?

Types of Incidents	Number of times incident occurred (Complete only for those items checked at left.)	Number of incidents reported to authorities (Complete only for those items checked at left.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Collision with another vessel	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Someone falling overboard	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Collision with a fixed or submerged object	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mishap of skier, tuber, wakeboarder, etc.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat capsized, flooded, or swamped	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> No incidents with this boat → (Skip to question 42.)	_____	_____

41. Did any of these incidents involve the following occurrences? (Check all that apply.)

- Damage to vessels or other property of \$2,000 or more, or complete loss of any vessel
- An injury requiring medical treatment beyond first aid
- A death of someone

**INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER BOATS THAT YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD OWN**

42. Do you, or does someone else in your household, own any other recreational boats? (Check all that apply.)

- Yes, registered or documented boat(s) → (If only this response is checked, answer question 43, then skip to question 45.)
- Yes, unregistered boat(s) → (If only this response is checked, skip to question 44.)
- No → (Skip to question 45.)

43. Please complete the following information about any other **REGISTERED** or **DOCUMENTED** boats owned by you or someone else in your household. Do **not** include the “identified boat” referenced throughout this survey. (Check the box below if you own no other registered or documented boats.)

	<b>Type of Boat</b> (Use the abbreviations in the table which follows.)	<b>Length (in feet)</b>	<b>How many days was the boat taken out on the water during 2007?</b>
Example	JB	16	24
Registered Boat #1	_____	_____	_____
Registered Boat #2	_____	_____	_____
Registered Boat #3	_____	_____	_____
Registered Boat #4	_____	_____	_____

**Abbreviations of recreational boat types**

Airboat (AB)	Kayak (KA)	Personal watercraft (PW)
Auxiliary sail (AS)	Houseboat (HB)	Pontoon boat (PB)
Cabin motorboat (CM)	Inflatable (IN)	Rowboat (RB)
Canoe (CA)	Open motorboat (OM)	Sail only (SO)
		Other (OT)

(If you checked only “Yes, registered or documented boat(s)” to question 42, skip to question 45.)

44. Please complete the following information about the **UNREGISTERED** recreational boats owned by you, or someone else in your household. (Check the box below if you own no unregistered boats.)

	<b>Type of Boat</b> (Use the abbreviations listed previously.)	<b>How many days was the boat taken out on the water during 2007?</b>	<b>What is the average number of hours this boat was out on the water on a typical day of use?</b>	<b>What is the average number of persons who used the boat on a typical day of use?</b>
Example	CA	6	3	6
Unregistered Boat #1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Unregistered Boat #2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Unregistered Boat #3	_____	_____	_____	_____
Unregistered Boat #4	_____	_____	_____	_____

**INFORMATION ABOUT BOATS YOU RENTED DURING 2007**

45. Did you rent a boat that you took out on the water during 2007? (Check only one.)

Yes  No → (Skip to question 47.)

46. Which type(s) of boat(s) did you rent? And how many days did you go out on the water on board each of those boats during 2007?

	Type of Boat (Use the abbreviations listed previously.)	How many days was the boat taken out on the water during 2007?
Example	_ KA _	_ 14 _
Rented Boat #1	_____	_____
Rented Boat #2	_____	_____
Rented Boat #3	_____	_____
Rented Boat #4	_____	_____

**YOUR FORMAL BOATING TRAINING**

47. Have you ever completed a boating safety course? (Check only one.)

- Yes                                       No → (Skip to question 54.)

48. How many boating safety courses have you completed?

Number completed: \_\_\_\_\_

49. Were any of these boating safety courses approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard? (Check only one.)

- Yes                                       No                                       I don't know.

50. During which year did you last complete a boating safety course?

Year completed: \_\_\_\_\_

51. How did you take the last boating safety course that you completed? (Check only one.)

- In a classroom  
 On the Internet  
 A home study or correspondence course that was not on the Internet  
 On the water  
 Another type of course (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

52. Who conducted/offered the last boating safety course that you completed? (Check only one.)

- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- U.S. Power Squadrons
- State or other public course provider
- A private company
- I don't know.
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

53. Why did you take the last boating safety course that you completed? (Check all that apply.)

- Required by my state
- To get a discounted insurance premium
- To refresh my skills
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

54. Other than boating safety courses, have you completed any other type(s) of boating courses or instruction? (Check only one.)

- Yes
- No → (Skip to question 56.)

55. Which other type(s) of boating courses or instruction have you completed? (Check all that apply.)

- Boating law
- Boating skills and seamanship
- Captain's license classes
- Coastal cruising
- Docking
- Global positioning
- Masters License classes
- Navigation
- Radar classes
- Safety equipment
- Trailering your boat
- Weather
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW IMPORTANT YOU RATE THE BENEFITS OF BOATING TO BE**

56. How important to you is each of the following reasons for boating? (Check one response to each statement.)

Reasons	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not at all important
To spend time with friends and family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To get away and relax	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For excitement and thrills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To get to good fishing spots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To entertain guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To develop and demonstrate skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To view nature and scenery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To participate in water sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





## YOUR BOATING PARTICIPATION AS A CHILD

58. Did you ever go recreational boating when you were a child? If yes, please indicate with whom you went boating most often. (Check all that apply.)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, with friends       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, with my mother and/or father | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, with other persons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, with my grandparent(s)       | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't recall.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, with other relatives         |  |

59. Did your parents or primary care-giver own any recreational boats when you were a child? (Check only one.)

- |                              |                             |  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't recall. |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|

## YOUR INTERNET USAGE

60. During 2007, did you have access to the Internet at home, at work, and/or at other places? (Check all that apply.)

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> At home   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At work   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At other places   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I did not have access to the Internet. → (Skip to question 63.) |

61. During 2007, did you use the Internet to search for or obtain information related to boating? (Check only one.)

- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No → (Skip to question 63.) |
|------------------------------|--|

62. Which type(s) of boating-related information did you search for or obtain using the Internet? (Check all that apply.)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating safety                | <input type="checkbox"/> To reserve places at marinas   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating laws or rules         | <input type="checkbox"/> New boats                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat registration information | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-owned boats                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating destinations          | <input type="checkbox"/> Boating equipment and supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Places to launch boats        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marina locations              |   |

63. **Would you prefer that this survey be administered ... ?** (Check only one.)

- By phone
- By mail
- On the Internet

**INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

64. **In which state is your permanent residence?** (Check only one.)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama (AL)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky (KY)       | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota (ND)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska (AK)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana (LA)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio (OH)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona (AZ)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Maine (ME)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma (OK)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas (AR)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland (MD)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon (OR)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California (CA)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts (MA)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania (PA)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado (CO)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan (MI)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island (RI)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut (CT)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota (MN)      | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina (SC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delaware (DE)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi (MS)    | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota (SD)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia (DC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri (MO)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee (TN)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida (FL)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana (MT)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas (TX)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia (GA)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska (NE)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah (UT)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii (HI)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada (NV)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont (VT)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho (ID)                | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire (NH)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia (VA)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois (IL)             | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey (NJ)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington (WA)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana (IN)              | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico (NM)     | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia (WV)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa (IA)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> New York (NY)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin (WI)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas (KS)               | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina (NC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming (WY)        |

65. **Is your permanent residence located on the water?** (Check only one.)

- Yes
- No

66. **Do you own a second home or cottage?** (Check only one.)

- No → (Skip to question 68.)
- Yes

67. **Is it a waterfront site?** (Check only one.)

- Yes
- No

68. Please indicate the racial type that best describes you. (Check all boxes that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- White
- Black or African American
- Other. Specify \_\_\_\_\_

69. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent? (Check only one.)

- Yes
- No

70. Including yourself, how many persons resided in your household during 2007?

Number of persons: \_\_\_\_\_

71. Please provide the gender and age of all persons, including yourself, who resided in your household during 2007. Indicate which household members boated during 2007.

Persons	Gender	Age	Boated in 2007? (Check below if "yes".)
Yourself (person 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

72. Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed or the highest degree you have received. (Check only one.)

- Some high school
- Bachelor degree
- High school or GED
- Masters degree
- Some college
- Doctorate degree
- Associate degree
- Decline to answer
- Technical or vocational school

**73. Please indicate the category that best describes your total annual household income before taxes in 2006 (in U.S. Dollars).** (Check only one.)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$25,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 - \$249,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$149,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 or more     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$199,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer     |

**Thank you for your time.**