



**Homeland
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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
District 11 Northern Region**

Serving Northern California, Nevada, Utah



To:

Dear Rental Operator;

The purpose of this letter is to introduce you the U.S. Coast Guard's **Recreational Boat Rental Program**, the **Vessel Safety Check Program** and to invite you, the Rental Vendor to become a partner of the recreational safe boating team with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The **Vessel Safety Check** is a cornerstone of the Coast Guard's **Recreational Boating Safety** program. The mission of this program is to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage and environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats, through preventive means. The **Vessel Safety Check** is also an opportunity to help educate boaters through a direct face-to-face boating information exchange.

The objective of **Recreational Boat Rental Program** is basically three fold. First, equip each vessel with the required safety equipment mandated by state and federal regulations. Second, make the renter aware of the necessary safety equipment and it's location on board the vessel in an emergency. Third, educate the renter in the laws governing the safe operation of the vessel rented.

Upon signing the initial agreement by the Owner/Rental Manager, (copy enclosed) each rental vessel will be given a **Vessel Safety Check**. The vessel examination will be conducted in the presence of a representative of the vendor. Deficiencies will be explained and the decal will be withheld until all corrections have been made. Upon passing, a **Vessel Safety Check** decal will be placed on the vessel to acknowledge the vendor has equipped the vessel as required by the U.S. Coast Guard, giving you and the renter peace of mind that the vessel complies with federal and state requirements. Each vessel examination takes anywhere from 10 minutes (for PWC's) to approximately 30 minutes for houseboats and larger vessels. After the examination of all rental vessels, you will be given a copy of each examination (pass or fail). You may wish to place a photocopy of the successful completion of the examination in the vessel along with a copy of the **California State ABC's of Boating** or the **Federal Requirements** booklet for review by the vessel renter. After the initial examinations, I will continue to make occasional visits to the marina and perform spot verifications on some vessels to verify the presence of the required equipment and to refill the marine safety information pamphlet rack.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Vessel Examiner-U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary