Float Plan/Outboard Boat Usage Form

Date of Use ________________  Account to be charged: __________________

Person in charge of Boat _______________   Cell Phone Number________________

Person in Charge has a State of Delaware Safe Boating Certificate (required) ________yes / no

Other Persons onboard / cell#s_________________________________________________________________

Work Area Description ___________________________________

Boat Name:______________________________

Time of Departure and Expected Return to Lewes: _______________________

Actual on the water usage time: __________________________

Copies of this form to:  Your Advisor/Contact (Name & Phone Number) ____________

Director Marine Operations – Jon Swallow: Phone 396-8565; E-Mail: jswallow@udel.edu
Small Boat Coordinator – Evan Falgowski:  Phone 302-563-1040; E-Mail evanfal@udel.edu
Dept of Public Safety MOB: Phone 302-542-3568 (Put copy on the board at MOB)

I have inspected the boat and Engine prior to departure and noted any discrepancies:

Engine:  Propeller___   Mounts __   Cavitations Plate __   Lower Unit __   Controls & Starter ___
Equipment:  Anchor & Line ___   Gas Tanks & Hoses ___   Trailer & Lights ___
Safety Equip:  PFD’s ___   Fire Extinguisher ___   Flares Package ___   VHF Radio ___   First Aid Kit ___
Hull:  Outside Damage:  Check bow for towing damage to both boat and trailer ___
       Rails ___    Transom ___    Cleats ___
       Inside Damage:  Thwarts ___   Drain/Plugs ___   Deck ___

Deficiencies noted ______________________________________________________________________

NOTE:  Wearing of WORK VESTS while operating the University’s outboard drive boats is
MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES.  Work vests are located in the small boat locker.

Signature______________________________

Upon return to the dock outside normal business hours, send an email or text to Jon and Evan (contact info above)
Boat and Truck must be fueled after use or arrangements made for fuel to be charged.  Boat must be cleaned after use.

If you have an Emergency situation use the Marine VHF on Channel 16 for assistance with the USCG or nearby vessel.  Local weather can be monitored on Channel WX1 or on your cell phone.  If the boat is not able to return to the UD docks or designated location at estimated time, notify your Advisor or secondary contact.  For further assistance call Kevin or Jon, or Public Safety at 302-542-3568.  The University of Delaware is a member of Boat US who will come tow the BaySport or Whaler back to Lewes if they are broken down (800) 391-4869.  They will also assist with a broken down vehicle towing the boats.  Contact Jon or Evan before calling BoatUS.

A search should be initiated by Advisor or secondary contact, if personnel have not returned within a reasonable amount of time written on the Float Plan, by first confirming that they have not returned to the designed point.  An overdue vessel report can be made to the USCG Indian River Station (302-227-2121) giving the details of Float Plan, then the Advisor and Marine Operations (302-645-4320 or 302-645-4341) should be notified.  Once it has definitely been confirmed that a boat is overdue it is most important to contact the USCG first to initiate a search procedure.

Only persons signing out a boat must have taken a USCG Auxiliary course or equivalent, worked with personnel that have been using the UD-CEOE boats for a season (April to November) or shown previous equivalent experience.  PFD’s or work vests are required at all times on the water.

Boats Available – Info may be requested by the USCG

18 ft. R/V Bay Sport, w/90 hp  DL449AS    White
17 ft. R/V Boston Whaler, w/30 hp  DL102AS   Lt Grey
16 ft R/V MARSHA (Jon Boat)  w/15 hp  DL8857AL  Dark Green