



Do you offer charters to the public? Are you doing so safely?

Do you offer “trips”, “tours”, “charters”?

Do you “Bareboat” your vessel?

Do you “Rent” your boat with a crew?

You may be operating in violation of United States law or entering into an agreement that is

A **“Passenger”** is anyone on a vessel (boat) other than the “crew”. If they have given “consideration” for being aboard, they are “for Hire” (see Passenger Vessel Safety Act, 1993 for definitions).

“Consideration” is anything that could be construed as being economically beneficial to the vessel owner. This includes past/future business, political favor, cash, etc.

If you are giving rides to the general public or clients, for a fee or expectation, or just for extra money on the side, you may be operating illegally without even realizing it!

You must be Coast Guard Inspected to do the following (not all inclusive):

- Carry over 6 passengers (at least 1 for hire) with a crew (includes rentals);
- Bareboat for more than 12 passengers;
- Charge as a platform for events, even at the pier, for more than 6 passengers;
- Charter your boat for tours and/or dinner cruises for more than 6 passengers...

Please contact us if you have questions!

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