

Supplemental Boarding Report

PROMOTE BOATING SAFETY

The Coast Guard requests your cooperation in promoting the safety of life and property on the nation's waterways. By observing the prescribed laws and regulations and by following safe boating practices, you can help reduce the number of lives lost or injuries sustained and prevent damage to property.

PURPOSE OF BOARDING

The Coast Guard is the primary maritime law enforcement and safety agency of the United States. Under statutory authority, Coast Guard boarding officers may at any time go onboard vessels subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and make inquiries, examine ship's papers, and inspect, examine and search the vessel for the detection, prevention, and suppression of violation of U.S. Laws. The Coast Guard is also authorized to make seizures and arrests and use all necessary force to compel compliance while conducting boardings.

The Coast Guard enforces regulations related to recreational boating safety, boating while intoxicated, pollution prevention, vessel documentation and registration and many other areas including criminal laws such as possession and distribution of illegal drugs, illegal weapons, stolen boats, alien smuggling as well as Customs laws. Additionally, the Coast Guard checks for compliance with applicable U.S. Fisheries regulations and agreements. All this is done through an active boarding policy in which boarding teams follow established procedures for going onboard U.S. and foreign vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction to conduct inspections.

Boaters who have questions, comments or feedback concerning Coast Guard law enforcement boardings may contact the Coast Guard using the phone number provided on the front of this form.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT required by Public Law 93-579

AUTHORITY: 46 U.S.C. 2302, 46 U.S.C. 4311, 46 U.S.C. 12309, 46 U.S.C. 4106, 46 U.S.C. 12122, 14 U.S.C. 89.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): Document boarding officer's report, to assess civil penalty action, if appropriate, to facilitate collection of any civil penalties assessed, and to give boat owner/operator written notice of boarding. Information will be retained on file for 3 years and will be considered in the event of future violation(s), except some "warnings" will be considered for 1 year for civil penalty purposes.

ROUTINE USE(S): Information may be used to locate a violator and otherwise to assist in the collection of assessed civil penalties. Information is available to other law enforcement agencies as permitted by law.

MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE: Providing a vessel registration/certificate of number by the user of a vessel is mandatory. Failure to provide vessel registration, upon being boarded by a Coast Guard boarding officer, may subject the owner to a penalty or fine. Providing of a Social Security Number, Driver's license number and date of birth is voluntary.