

APPENDIX D FAU FLOAT PLAN

Boat owner's name: _____

(If state-owned, state such and name responsible department.)

Address: _____

Boat Name: _____ **Boat Type/Length:** _____

Boat Color: _____ **Boat Registration #** _____

Principal Investigator: _____

Safety Equipment (beyond requirement): _____

Propulsion: ___ Outboard ___ I/O ___ Inboard ___ Single Screw ___ Twin Screw

Engine Type: ___ Outboard Gas ___ I/O and Inboard Gas ___ Diesel _____ Other

Departure/Destination Points: _____

Route: _____

Expected Return - Date and Time: _____ **Date and Time to call Search:** _____

Phone Number of Local USCG Station: _____

Automobile and License Plate # (if trailering): _____

Number of Persons: _____ **Emergency Phone #'s:** _____

VHF call: _____ **Frequencies:** _____

Person in command: _____ **Phone # on Boat** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Mate: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Crew Name: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Crew Name: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Work being conducted/special equipment being used: _____

Passenger List: _____

Will this outing involve any diving? _____ snorkeling? _____ or swimming? _____

If so a dive plan must be filed with the Diving and Boating Coordinator.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Vessel Name: _____ Vessel Number: _____

Operator or Captain: _____ Date: _____

Equipment Checklist- Required

- Float plan submitted**
- Boater education card
- Boat registration
- Compass and GPS
- Up to date charts of area
- PFD's- life jacket suitable for each person on board, readily accessible, in good condition and Coast Guard approved
- Throwable floatation aid immediately available
- Fire extinguisher properly mounted, fully charged, and in good condition
- Visual distress signals- current dates on flares, proper amount required
- Working horn or whistle
- First aid kit, Dan oxygen kit (required when diving)
- Anchors and line- adequate anchor for bottom and water depth
- Dewatering device- bilge pump operational, alternative bailing device available
- Alternate propulsion – paddles or oars
- Mooring lines and fenders in good condition
- VHF radio and cell phone
- Depth sounder, lead line, or sounding pole

The following items are recommended

- Tool kit and spare parts
- Flashlight
- Personal items- drinking water, sunscreen, prescription drugs, etc
- Boarding ladder (or other means of boarding)

Vessel System Checklist

- Drain plug installed
- Fuel tank full
- Bilge free of water
- Engine oil level correct (4 stroke engine), oil tank full (2 stroke engine)
- Turn on battery switch if one is installed
- Battery fully charged
- Navigational gear operational
- Navigation lights working
- Steering and shift mechanisms in good condition
- Gauges- functional and reading properly
- Ventilation- power ventilation operable (blower) and natural ventilation cowls open and clear
- Bilge pump switch on auto
- VHF radio and antenna is operational (put radio on channel 16 and call for a radio check)

Departure Checklist

- Make sure each person has a properly fitted PFD and urge them to wear it. Youth 12 and under are required to wear a PFD
- Show everyone location of PFD's, fire extinguisher(s), visual distress signals, first aid kit, DAN O2 kit, and how to use them
- Safety procedures for rough weather, man overboard, fire, and how to use VHF radio to signal for help
- Take in all dock lines and fenders and keep them clear of propeller
- Instruct everyone to stay seated and keep hands, arms, etc., inside the boat
- Keep a lookout at all times for other boats, persons, and objects in water
- Proceed slowly whenever leaving or returning to a dock
- Know and abide by Manatee zones, and all no wake zones
- Stay in channel when running

Post-use Checklist

- Re-fuel boat
- Wash / rinse boat and all gear
- Pump bilge dry
- Flush outboard motor(s)
- Turn off battery switch
- Rinse off trailer
- Report all safety, mechanical, electrical, cosmetic, or trailer problems with vessel supervisor.