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To help ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable stay, we want to provide you with some essential information about safety at sea in Norway. Inside this brochure, you will find a key checklist with important safety guidelines. If you are renting a boat, it is important to go through this checklist together with the rental company before setting off.

While the boat rental company is legally responsible for ensuring the boat meets safety requirements, you are responsible for your own actions and decisions at sea. Always follow the safety instructions and advice provided. Before heading out, ask yourself: *Do I have the skills and knowledge needed to stay safe on the water?*



Boating licence requirements

If you were born in 1980 or later, you required to hold a boating licence to operate a recreational craft that is either:

- Between 8 and 15 meters in length, or
- Powered by an engine exceeding 25 HP, with a speed limit of up to 50 knots.

An International Certificate of Competence (ICC) is valid in Norway and allows you to operate recreational crafts up to 15 meters length.

Boating licences issued in other EEA countries are also accepted in Norway. A licence issued in another EEA state is valid in accordance with the content of the licence, for a craft of up to 15 meters. Foreign licences may be valid if they meet the requirements of the Norwegian boating licence.

Please contact the Norwegian Maritime Authority if you have any questions:
post@sdir.no



Wear a life jacket

In Norway, users of recreational crafts up to 8 meters in length are required by law to wear a life jacket while the boat is in transit. On boats longer than 8 meters, there must be a suitable lifejacket or other flotation device available for everyone on board.



Make sure the lifejacket is CE marked. If the lifejacket is inflatable, make sure the gas cartridge is tightened correctly and is not loose. Ensure that the inflation sensor is not damaged, expired or has been exposed to moisture.

Don't drink and boat



We strongly recommend avoiding alcohol while boating. By law, you may not operate a recreational craft up to 15 metres long with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over 0.08%, or a breath alcohol level exceeding 0.4 milligrams per litre of air.

Don't stand if you don't have to



Avoid standing in the boat as much as possible. If you need to stand, we recommend that only one person stands at a time to help maintain balance and stability.



Check the weather forecast

Weather conditions at sea in Norway can change quickly. Always check the forecast and stay updated via sites like yr.no or storm.no.



Please respect wildlife and do not litter

Norway's coast is home to vulnerable wildlife and ecosystems. Keep your distance from animals, and always take your trash with you. Littering harms nature and can endanger both animals and people.



Safety checklist

Before you are permitted to use the boat, you need to fill out this form together with the boat hire company to signify that the safety instructions have been given and understood. Failure to comply with the safety regulations may result in liability and loss of the right to operate boats. The boat hire company may have additional safety instructions. Please fill out ☒

Important telephone numbers


Customer's telephone number: _____

Boat hire company's telephone number: _____

- ☐ My contact telephone has been tested locally
- ☐ I will keep my phone available, well charged and dry at all times while on board
- ☐ I have been informed about the mobile phone coverage in the area

In case of emergency

I have been informed about the emergency numbers

Fire: 110  Police: 112  Ambulance: 113  Coastal radio station: 120 

- ☐ I know where the emergency phone numbers can be found on board
- ☐ I have been given instructions on what to do in case of emergencies
- ☐ I have been given information about the facility's general and liability insurance

Onshore safety

- ☐ I am familiar with the emergency exits, fire extinguishers and first-aid kits for the facility
- ☐ I am familiar with the routines for reporting missing persons

How to use the boat and motor

- ☐ I am familiar with the correct way to conduct myself on board a boat (weight distribution)
- ☐ I have been instructed on how to use the boat and the motor
- ☐ I am informed about the information found aboard and where it is located
- ☐ I know that the dead-man's switch found on the outboard motor must always be used when the motor is running (except next to piers or wharfs)
- ☐ I have been instructed on how to fill fuel
- ☐ The boat and the motor is handed over to me in good condition



Equipment

- ☐ I have been informed about the type of equipment found aboard
- ☐ The life-saving equipment has been demonstrated and tested
- ☐ I have been given the necessary training in the use of electronic aids

Weather and weather forecast

- ☐ I have been given information about the weather conditions in the area
- ☐ I know that I am responsible of staying updated on the weather forecast
- ☐ I have been informed about routines on how the boat hire company might contact me while at sea

Nautical charts and waters

- ☐ I have been given information about nautical charts
- ☐ If the facility has specific route charts, I have been given instructions on how to use these charts
- ☐ I have been given information on traffic restrictions in the area
- ☐ I have been informed about especially dangerous areas and safe conduct when travelling in and around such areas
- ☐ I have been given information about navigation marks found in the area
- ☐ I have been given information about fish farms and commercial fishing in the area and correct conduct when travelling by boat in areas where fish farms are located and/or commercial fishing occurs
- ☐ I have been briefed about the facility's rules concerning how long and how far the boat can be taken out to sea

Restrictions on drinking alcohol when boating

- ☐ I have been informed about Norwegian law related to drinking alcohol and boating

Place: _____ Date: _____ Boat hire company's signature: _____

Customer's signature: _____





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Enjoy your stay in Norway!

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