

# Sumerset Houseboat Instruction Manual

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### Introduction

Welcome to our family! You are the begin a wonderful adventure with one of the premier Houseboat companies in America. This manual is intended as a guide to assist you in the operation of your houseboat. There are many systems and amenities onboard and we will try to guide you through each one.

This manual will give you an overview of each amenity and system. Also, procedures for use are detailed step by step. Safety tips, equipment tips, and statistics such as capacities or consumption rates are also included. We have also included some easy troubleshooting tips. And there is a glossary on nautical terms listed in the back of the manual for terms you may not be familiar with.

Remember you are not just families and friends when boating, you are a Captain and crew. Try to let everyone in on this idea and how things are different now that you are on the water. Have fun but most importantly; BE SAFE! Welcome Aboard!





### Houseboat Safety Systems Important Safety Messages



- To prevent any accidents, remove keys when motors are not in use.
- Never swim or use the waterslide while the motors or generators are running!
- No jumping or diving from top deck! (There are some rocks and shallow water that can be hidden underwater)
- Non swimmer and children 12 years of age and under must wear a lifejacket (PFD) at all times while boat is underway.
- Passengers must stay inside the railings when boat is underway or while anchoring. DO NOT climb up or hang over the bow.
- Antelope Point Marina Policy requires that you turn off the generator and motors before using the waterslide or swim from the houseboat.
- Anyone using the slide must wear a lifejacket during use.
- Prior to starting the motors, always verify that there are no swimmers in the water and post a lookout on the rear deck.
- The blower must be turned on for 5 minutes prior to starting the generator.
- Never leave a burning barbeque unattended.
- All rental boats are to be moored before sunset. NO operation at night!
- Keep ropes on deck neat to prevent any ropes getting caught in the propellers.
- Please familiarize yourself with this manual before leaving the Marina.
- Other safety messages are found throughout the manual and are highlighted in RED.
- To avoid anyone getting injured by the propellers or hit by the moving boat.

#### **Before Starting Motors:**



#### \*Check for anyone near the motors or rear of the boat\*

\*Check that there are NO swimmers in the water\*

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- VISIBILITY FROM THIS HELM IS LIMITED
- AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH FROM COLLISIONS
- MAINTAIN A LOOKOUT AS REQUIRED BY RULES OF THE ROAD

#### ▲ WARNING

ROTATING PROPELLER CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. DO NOT USE LADDER IF ENGINE IS RUNNING.



### **Starting Motors**

Quick Reference Troubleshooting Guide



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**1.Throttle in Neutral** Solid green light will show when in neutral

2-3.Turn keys on & crank



4.Watch needles - idles at 1000 RPM

ALWAYS do a visual and make sure nobody is swimming behind the boat.

- Step 1. Make sure trim/motors are completely down and in nuetral (binnacle).
- Step 2. Turn keys to ON position, beeping sound will come from throttle handle.
- **Step 3.** Turn keys to the right to start.
- Step 4. Listen to see if you hear the motors running.
- Step 5. Watch needle on tachometer, when needle jumps, STOP cranking.

\*\*\*When motos are running, tachometer needles will idle around 1000 RPM's.



### **Engine Overview, Starting & Outboard Throttle**



#### Overview

- Your houseboat is equipped with two Mercury Sea Pro Outboard motors.
- The outboard motors use regular unleaded gas, found at any marina.
- Always check for swimmers and other obstacles, especially at the rear, before starting motors.
- Make sure that you have at least 6 feet of water at the back of the boat when moored.
- You and your instructor will check the props for damage both before and after your voyage
- Make sure that motors / drives are down before starting.

#### Shifter diagram see page 43



#### Starting Procedures

Step 1. Put shift lever in neutral (center position). Solid Green light indicates neutral.

- Step 2. Turn both ignition keys to "ON" position
- Step 3. Make sure your trim is all the way down at "0.0". Then turn keys to the right to crank.
- Step 4. Turn keys (one at a time) until the motor starts. Rely on your tachometers to verify the motors are running.
- Step 5. Allow motors to warm up for approximately 5 10 minutes.

Step 6. For difficult starting motors call the marina.

For best fuel economy and efficiency of the motors, optimum cruising speed is 2500 - 3800 RPM's, but in no case to exceed 4500 RPM's.



#### **Outboard Throttles**

- After following the procedures to start your motors you are ready to "Take Control".
- The neutral position in the throttle is perpendicular to the base, (the center notch)
- To go forward slowly push forward on the throttles and watch tachometers to monitor your RPM's.
- To go reverse slowly pull back on the throttles from the neutral position. (Never exceed 2500 RPM's in reverse)
- There is an approximate 5 second delay when shifting from forward to reverse. Always pause in neutral before changing direction.

#### Warnings Lights / Alarm

- Anytime you are having issues with your motors call the Marina so a mechanic can come take a look at the motors.
- There are warning indicator on the tachometers. If they go off they will display a message call the Marina and let them know.





### **Binnicle Diagram (Shift Lever/Throttle)**



\*\*\*Built-in 5 second delay between forward & reverse\*\*\* Recommended: 2500-3800 RPM for speed & fuel efficiency





### **Transferring to the Top Deck**



ALWAYS do a visual and make sure nobody is swimming behind the boat.

- Step 1. Go to helm you want to make active.
- **Step 2.** Press the "TRANSFER" button one time.
- Step 3. "TRANSFER" and "NEUTRAL" light will come on and beep will sound.
- Step 4. Press the "TRANSFER" button a second time to complete transfer.
- Step 5. "TRANSFER" light will turn off and beep.

\*\*\*You have 10 seconds to complete the transfer or will have to repeat steps. If levers are not neutral position the neutral light will continue to flash until levers are neutral.



### **Transferring, Steering & Maneuvering**



#### **Transferring Controls**

- To transfer control from the helm to the flybridge (top Deck) and vice-versa simply place your throttles in the neutral position (while the boat is not moving), and go to the helm you want active.
- Press the "Transfer" button one time. "Transfer" and "Neutral" light will come on and a beep will sound.
- Press the "Transfer" button a second time to complete transfer. "Transfer" light will turn off and beep (the transfer is complete and you are now in control).
- Repeat steps to transfer to other helm.



#### Steering & Maneuvering

- Think of driving a houseboat as a matter of course correcting rather than just steering. Generally speaking, turn the houseboat in the direction you want and then straighten out the wheel. (Houseboats respond slowly to directional changes).
- There are two methods of steering: by turning the wheel and by using your throttles.
- We suggest combining the two. For example, if you want to go left, first turn the wheel that direction and then throttle up on the opposite motor. This will cause the boat to pivot in the desired direction. It will also help to offset the motors by 500 RPM. For example, run one motor at 2500 RPM and the other at 3000 RPM. This will help you steer your boat straight and have to make less corrections.
- Center your houseboat before you start driving To center your houseboat steering, turn the wheel all the way to one side. Then count how many times it takes to get to the other side. Divide that number in half and thats how to find your center.
- This houseboat is equipped with hydraulic steering, and it takes approximately FIVE turns from hard LEFT to go RIGHT.
- The more eyes the better. ALWAYS have a spotter on the aft end of the houseboat to be your guide when reversing direction or backing the boat off of the beach or out of Marina.



### Transferring Controls Important Safety Tips



#### Safety Tips!

• Be on the lookout for logs and debris in the water. If a collision appears unavoidable please follow these instructions:

- **1.** Place the shift lever in neutral to prevent damage to the propellers and drives.
- 2. Coast past the obstacle.
- **1.** After passing the obstacle, when it's safe, you should inspect the propellers and outdrives for any damage (with the motors turned off!)

If you run the propeller(s) into the sand, rocks, or any debris: As stated above, when safe, please turn off the motors and inspect the propellers and outdrives. If there is any damage, please contact the marina to replace the propeller(s) and inspect the outdrives.



Good Prop!

Bad Prop! (YOU BUY)

**Damage Lower** 

Continuing to drive the houseboat with a bent or broken propeller will result in further damage to the outdrive(s) of the motors. Remember! You are responsible for damages to the outdrives and propellers! \*Fees apply to any damages\*



### **Fuel System**



#### **Fuel System**

- There are THREE 184 gallon gas tank on board. TWO fuel your motors and generator and ONE is your toy tank (extra fuel for small vessels or your houseboat)
- The filler necks are in the center on aft deck. There is a cover plate you will need to lift and unscrew the cap to refuel.
- Fueling a boat is very different than fueling your car. For one thing, it's common for fuel to splash out of the tank during fueling. (This is why you will need to fuel the tank slowly)



#### Safety Tips!

- REMEMBER: Turn off motors, electronics and extinguish all open flames at least 15 minutes prior to fueling or returning to the marina.
- Do not smoke while fueling.
- Make sure all doors, windows, hatches and ports are closed during fueling.
- Remove all passengers from boat.
- · DO NOT leave nozzle unattended while fueling.
- Hold on to the nozzle when refueling, don't use a hands free clip.
- Maintain contact between nozzel and deck fill.
- Fill slowly and listen for a change in the tone as the tank gets full. DO NOT OVERFILL!
- Operate bilge blower for 5 minutes before starting the generator or motors. DO NOT run motors or generator at any time you are fueling.
- Check and sniff the generator compartment for fumes. If any turn on the bilge blower.
- DO NOT siphon gas from tank for any reason!
- Extra fuel cans of ANY type are not allowed on rental boats!







#### **Equipment Tips!**

- NOTE ON FUEL CONSUMPTION: Each motor burns approximately 7-10 gallons of fuel per hour for a total of 14-20 gallons combined when cruising at 2500-3800 R.P.M's.
- Fuel consumption can vary due to wind, throttle usage, weight distribution, and altitude.
- The generator burns approximately 2-4 gallons per hour, depending on the load.



### **Helm Overview**



Garmin - Tracks your location, where you travel on lake.

- **Fire Boy Gauge -** Shows the status of automatic fire extingushier located in generator compartment. The green light will turn on when key is on.
- Toy Tank Extra fuel that can be used for small vessels. Turn on breaker to show gauge level.

Tachometer Gauge - Shows RPM'S, Battery Volts, PSI, Fuel for generator & motors when running.

- **Fuel Gauge 100% -** To access fuel gauge turn on key and press the "MODE" button on the tachometer gauge. Keep pressing until you see a fuel percentage. You will also see the fuel gauge located directly on the tachometer.
- **Trim Gauge -** To access trim gauge turn on key, and press "MODE". Keep pressing until you can find the trim gauge. We recommend to ONLY trim up to 10. To trim up the motors the button is located on the throttle.
- **Blower -** Used to ventilate any gasoline fumes in the generator compartment. Recommended to run atleast 5 minutes before starting generator.
- FWD, AFT & Bilge Bilge pumps pump out any water in bilge compartment.
- Navigation / Anchor These are exterior lights that help other boaters determine where your located on the water.
- Spot LTS Turns on center front spot light. Can be controlled with remote labeled "spot light"
- **Thruster -** Press and hold on button then use lever to right or left to maneuver front bow.
- **Check Engine -** The tachometer will display any issues on gauge. If a message displays let the Marina know so a mechanic can take a look at it.



### Switches in Houseboat

Throughout the houseboat you will see labeled light switches

#### The Following is what they operate:

Fish LTS - Front and rear deck corner lights F.D. Fans - Front deck fan Salon Fans - Living room fans F.D. DC LTS - Front deck lights Step LTS - Starboard step lights Salon LTS - Living room light Salon Vol CTR - Living room speaker volume control F.D. Vol CTR - Front deck speaker volume control Galley LTS - Dining room lights Bar DC LTS - Kitchen bar lights Galley DC LTS - Kitchen lights Hall LTS - Hallway lights Sink LTS - Over sink lights Toy Tank - \*located under the kitchen sink\* Tachometer Gauge - Bathroom lights Fuel Gauge 100% - Bathroom lights Trim Gauge - Bathroom vent fans **Blower - Bedroom light switches** FWD, AFT & Bilge - Turns on water for slide. Leave on for continuous water flow. Navigation / Anchor - Rear deck volume control



Thruster - Rear deck fans

#### **Troubleshooting Tips!**

If any of the power (lights, outlets, etc.) is not working properly, the power may have tripped. Check the following: First, check the main volt breakers. Second, check the GFCI outlets and reset if you need to. Third, check the main generator breaker.



#### **GFCI Outlet**

These are located in random/different areas of the houseboat; Around the living room, kitchen, and bathrooms. If outlets are not working, find the nearest GFCI and push the reset button. If this does not work, check breakers on the 110 volt panel.







### Generator

#### Westerbeke

• There is one 20 KW Westerbeke gas powered generator to supply your electrical needs. The controls for the generator are at the helm. Back-up controls are on the generator.



#### Safety Tips! (Generator Compartment Blower)

- Before starting the generator the bilge blower must be ran for 5 minutes to clear any explosive vapors from the generator compartment.
- Carbon Monoxide is produced by the generator and is vented on the rear side of the houseboat.
- Start generator ONLY when houseboat is anchored and NOT in motion





**Engines and Generators** 



- Make sure switches for Shore, Power Transfer, and switches on the 220V panel are in the "OFF" position. (Never start the generator under load.)
- To start the generator, push the "STOP" button for 5 seconds to prime the generator, then push "START".
- If the generator fails to start, reset it by pushing the "STOP" switch and then push the "START" again.
- After the generator warms up (at least 5 minutes) you can "power up" the system by turning on the switches listed above in the following order:
  - Step 1. The generator switch to "GEN 1" or "GEN 2".
  - Step 2. The "Power Transfer" breaker (generator breaker).
  - Step 3. Now you can power up 220 volt system such as the AC/ HVAC and Range.

Step 4. Turn on thermostat and set temp.

- To turn off the generator in reverse the order listed above in powering down the systems.
- Press the "STOP" switch and the generator should stop running.

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#### Equipment Tips!

• The less noise, the better when starting up the generator, because it is difficult to hear.



### **Generator Compartment**

#### Overview

#### The Generator Compartment contains the following:

- 20KW Westerbeke Generator.
- All of your 12 volt batteries; two dedicated motor start batteries, two dedicated generator batteries, and four dedicated house batteries.
- The 12 volt circuit breakers.
- The fire suppression system.



20K Westerbeke Generator



Power switch that activates electricity



**Fire Suppression System** 



Generator "ON" switch and starter



**Generator Hatch** 

#### **Troubleshooting Tips**

- If you cannot start your generator from the helm, check the switches in the generator compartment that are shown on the following page and make sure they are in the 'ON' positon. You may start the generator, manually, from the location. It has the same switches that are at the helm.
- If the generator is running but no power to the panels, check the switches near your volt panels, and make sure they are in the correct position. There is also a reset switch on the generator itself, that needs to be in the 'ON' position. (Shown on the next page).
- If problems continues, please call the marina.



### Generator



#### **Generator Start/Stop Switch**

To start generator, push stop button in for 5 seconds, this will prime generator. Then you will push start button, this will crank generator to start up. When generator is running, the green light will stay on at the start/stop switch.



\*\*\*If generator dies, after you push start button and red light stays on above the switch. You will have to reset the generator before you are able to start it back up.\*\*\*



#### **Reset Switch**

To reset, you must lift hatch at the back of the boat, above the generator. Look for the on/off switch, which is located on the generator. Push switch OFF for 5 seconds, then back ON to reset. You can also start/stop the generator, manually, from here.





#### **Main Generator Breaker**

This is located on the generator itself. Lift the hatch at the back of the houseboat. If the generator is running and breakers on the main volt panels are not working, this main breaker has probably tripped. Reset by turning breaker off, then back on. Panel breakers should then be working.





### **Breaker Panel Overview**





### **Shore / Power Transfer**



#### **Shore Breakers**

Both breakers only need to be switched on when houseboat is at the dock and shore power cords are plugged into pedestal.

#### **Power Transfer Breaker (Generator Breaker)**

Always have OFF until the generator is started. After Generator is started you will need to turn the generator switch is on desired "GEN" you can turn breaker on. You will need to turn on both breakers to run 220 volt panel. Before turning the generator off, always shut down breakers in reverse sequence from start up.

#### Start up Sequence:

Step 1. Turn on bilge blower
Step 2. Start generator
Step 3. Turn switch to "GEN 1" or "GEN 2" (which ever generator is running)
Step 4. Turn on BOTH Power Transfer Breakers on
Step 5. Turn on 220 volt breakers needed (AC, HVAC, Range etc.)
Step 6. Turn on thermostat and set temperature





### **12 Volt System Panel**



Panel Lights - Turns on the light for breaker panel.
Deck Lights - Lights on front deck of houseboat.
Salon - Living room light switches and outlets.
Bar Flybridge - Lights and outlets on top deck.
Hallway Lights - Light switches in the hallway.
Cuddy Lights - Light switches in the bedrooms.
Bedroom Lights - Light switches in the bedrooms.
Bathroom Lights - Light switches in the bathrooms.
Electric Slide - Turn on water pump breaker for exterior slide.



#### Equipment Tips!

• Covered breakers must stay on at all times.



### **Inverter Panel**

Inverter Panel Runs off Inverter Batteries



**110 Volt Panel -** INVERTER BREAKER: Needs to stay on at all times, this allows 110 volt power from inverter batteries. If off, nothing will work on this panel, even with generator running.

Deck Lights - 12 Volt lights, outlets on front / rear deck of houseboat.

Galley - 12 Volt LED light above kitchen sink.

TV/Stereo - Television and stereo systems throughout boat.

UV Filter - Water pump & filter that draws water from the lake.

Bar Flybridge - Lights and outlets on top deck.

Bathroom - Power to the outlets and toilets.

Salon - Living room light switches and outlets.

**Microwave -** Operates the microwave.

Lights Below Decks - Lights in the bilge compartments.

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### Equipment Tips!

Covered breakers must stay on at all times.

**Refrigerator** - Lower refrigerator on houseboat; Stays on at all times. To insure your refrigerator works efficiently, do not overload it with your grocery items.

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### Power Transfer 1 Panel 220 & 110 Volt Panel



**Inverter Input/Output -** Needs to stay on at all times, this allows 110 volt power from inverter batteries. If off, nothing will work on this panel, even with generator running.

**Range -** Stove in kitchen area. This breaker should only be on when you are cooking. Turn the breaker OFF when the stove is not being used.

Water Heater - 16 gallons will take about 30 minutes to heat up.Make sure "UV Filter" breaker is on before you turn on the breaker.

Salon - Livingroom outlets and light switches.

Dishwasher - Operates the dishwasher.

Deck Lights - 12 volt lights, outlets on front / rear deck of houseboat.

Bar Flybridge - Light switches and outlets on top deck.

**Battery Charger -** Stays on at all times, charges inverter batteries. Inverter batteries need to be charged at least 8 hours every day.



#### **Equipment Tips!**

Covered breakers must stay on at all times.



### Power Transfer 2 Panel 220 & 110 Volt Panel



Air Handler & HVAC - Both of the breakers need to be ON for heating or cooling the houseboats.

**Water Heater -** Stove in kitchen area. This breaker should only be on when you are cooking. Turn the breaker OFF when the stove is not being used.

**Bathroom -** 16 gallons will take about 30 minutes to heat up.Make sure "UV Filter" breaker is on before you turn on the breaker.

Hallway Lights - Livingroom outlets and light switches.

Galley - Operates the dishwasher.

**Battery Charger -** Stays on at all times, charges inverter batteries. Inverter batteries need to be charged at least 8 hours every day.



#### **Equipment Tips!**

• Covered breakers must stay on at all times.



### **Inverter & 12 Volt System**



#### Overview

Your Houseboat is equipped with several electrical systems. It is important to become familiar with them and how they are each used.

#### The four basic systems are:

- 12 Volt Start System: Dedicated batteries for starting & running your motors & generator.
- 12 Volt Start System: Dedicated batteries for the 12 volt system such as radios, CO detectors and 12 volt lights.
- 110 inverter System: Provides your basic electrical need. Charges by the generator. It functions as a stand alone system.
- 110/220 Volt System: Powers your "big" systems such as the Range, AC/HVAC, Microwave etc. and also charges your inverter. Requires the generator to be running.



#### Inverter

- The Inverter System is a bank of 6 volt batteries that inverts electricity to 110 volts.
- It is a dedicated system that provides your basic 110 volt needs without running the generator.
- This system is charged by the generator and requires the generator to run at least 8 hours a day to charge.
- The INVERTER switch on the helm must be "ON" for the inverter to function or charge.
- There is a control panel on the left side of the helm that displays information about the inverter.





#### 12 Volt Battery System

• There are dedicated batteries in the generator compartment that power the 12 volt systems.

• There is a "Battery Charger" switch on the breaker panel that must be left "ON" to charge the batteries.



### Water System

#### Overview

UV Water System - lake water to sinks, showers and toilets
Hot Water Heater - 16 Gallons (Generator power).
Marine Toilets - (12 volt system) On lake water.
Wet Slide - (12 volt system) On lake water.
Waste Tank - All sinks drain into grey water tank. Marine toilets drain into black water tank.

#### **UV Water System**

- Provides lake water for all sinks, showers, ice maker and toilets. The water is filtered through an ultraviolet system and set throughout the houseboat. There is also a filter in the refrigerator.
- The UV breaker must be turned on in order to send water throughout boat.
- ALWAYS make sure the UV breaker is off when the boat is underway to avoid air build up in the water lines. If this happens you will need to call the marina to have the pump primed.



#### **Troubleshooting Tips!**

- If you have no water: Verify the UV switch at the back panel are on.
- If you still dont have water call the Marina.



#### Waste Holding Tank

#### The houseboat has both a grey water tank and black water tank, they drain to the following:

- All of the sinks and dishwasher drain into a 300 gal. grey water tank. (Located on port side bilge.)
- All toilets drain into a 300 gal. black water tank. (Located on starboard side bilge.)
- Conservation is very important to avoid filling up your tank too quickly. Emphasize to everyone the need to conserve.



**Black Water Tank** 

**Grey Water Tank** 



### **Sinks & Showers**



#### **Overview**

- Uses water from the lake.
- 16 gallon hot water heater. (Be sure a 'UV' breaker is ON before you turn on the 'water heater' breaker).
- Sinks and dishwasher drain into a 300 gallon grey water holding tank.
- Toilet drains into a 300 gallon black water holding tank.
- Shower water drain directly into the lake. Biodegradeable soaps are recommended for use.
- Do not try to use to many faucets at once this will cause limited water pressure.



#### Safety Tips!

Never pour chemicals down the drains.



#### **Equipment Tips!**

- Use the dishwasher or disposable products to limit waste in tank.
- To conserve water, don't let water run continuously while washing hands, brushing teeth or while lathering when showering.
- If you overfill the holding tank you will have waste coming up in the shower!



#### Troubleshooting Tips!

- **No water coming out of faucets -** Verify the UV switch is on the 120V inverter panel labeled 'UV' and make sure they are in the 'ON' positon. Call the Marina if you still are unable to get it working
- Low Water Pressure Check and make sure you are limiting how many faucets or showers are on at the same time.
- **No Hot Water -** The generator must be running to heat the hot water tank. It take approximately 30 minutes to heat the 16 gallon tank.
- **Waste coming into your shower -** You have overfilled the holding tank. Get to the nearest pump out station and empty the waste tank.



#### **Conservation Tips!**

- Do not leave the water running when you are washing, brushing your teeth, and shaving.
- When showering, turn the water off while lathering up.
- Use the dishwasher with a full load as opposed to washing dishes in the sink.
- There are two ways of knowing your tank is full:
  - 1. One is a flash light test and do a visual on the tank under the bilge.
  - 2. The other is your shower. If you over fill the tank you will have waste coming up into it!



### **Marine Toilets**



#### Overview

Toilets on houseboats are macerators, which is a grinder that can be easily plugged up if not used properly. When a person has to take a bowel movement, fill bowl up with water, once done grind all waste down. Fill bowl back up with water, wipe with the least amount of toilet paper as possible, grind paper down, repeat this process until finished.

- 12 volt power
- Draws water from the lake.
- Discharges into a 300 gal. black water tank.
- Each "head" uses a macerator to grind up waste and send it to the holding tank.

#### To use the Head (Toilet)

- Step 1. Keep lids closed when not in use.
- **Step 2.** Controls are located near the head (toilet). Left button prefills toilet and right button flushes toilet as it macerates (grinds the waste up like a garbage disposal.)
- Step 3. Always add water to solids to aid flushing.
- Step 4. Liquid waste does not need water to flush.
- **Step 5.** Use marine grade toilet paper. Femine products, paper towels and flushable wipes will clog toilets and will need to marine crew come out and unclog it.



#### Safety Tips!

- Be very careful of what you put into the bowl. You do not want to clog or damage the macerator.
- Fees apply to unclog toilet





#### Troubleshooting Tips!

• If the head becomes clogged the obstruction must be removed. You can try to move it with needle nose pliers. Otherwise you will need to call the Marina.



#### **Equipment Tips!**

- Advise EVERYONE that they need to be very conservative with water use.
- DO NOT put femine products in the toilet this will clog / damage the macerators
- ONLY use marine grade toilet paper.
- DO NOT use to much toilet paper.



### Garmin (GPS)

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#### Overview

- Tracks where you travel on the lake.
- BOUYS ON LAKE ARE MANAGED BY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, NOT THE MARINA.
- GPS on board as an aid to navigation.
- Requires "GPS" switch on the 12 volt panel to be "ON" to power the unit.
- To aid return we suggest leaving the unit on whenever you are underway.
- Use the unit in conjunction with the map provided.
- Keep in mind water levels rise and drop so some areas may not be acurrate on the map.





#### **Operating Instructions**

- Power up the unit by pressing on the "POWER" icon switch until the unit starts.
- Use arrows to select screen option you would like and press the "Enter Mark" button.
- The unit will find its own signal and track while you are underway.

#### **Quick Draw Option**

- Allows you to create maps with contours and labels on lake.
- You can track your location and distance you traveled on lake.
- Maps are created by multiple users. USE AT OWN RISK.

#### **Numbers Option**

Allows you to track GPS speed, GPS heading and GPS position.

#### Traditional + Clear VU View Option

• Displays water temperature information.





- Use only for general navigation in conjunction with your paper maps.
- REMEBER: There is no depth finder.
- The GPS does not show submerged features.
- Shoreline not always accurate.
- One of the features on your GPS is displaying your latitude and longitude. This information is important if you need to contact the National Park Service in an emergency. Please have these numbers at the ready along with your other emergency information.



### **Marine Band Radio**

#### **Operating Instructions**

- Make sure the "VHF" switch on the 12 Volt panel is "ON".
- To turn the radio on, turn the volume switch to the right (clockwise). The radio will automatically be on channel 16.
- Rotate the squelch knob to the left (counter clockwise) until you hear the scratching noise, to determine the volume level. Adjust the volume as needed.
- Turn squelch control to the right until all background noise disappears. For best operating results, leave the control in this position. Turning the control further will result in diminished sensitivity.
- · Channel selectors are located on the face of the radio.
- As stated above CHANNEL 16 is the emergency and/or hailing channel. This channel is to contact the party you wish to speak with, then switch to another channel for conversation except in an emergency.
- You may need to relay through the National Park Service or other boaters to reach the Marina.
- When communications are completed return your radio to channel 16.
- If you cannot reach the Marina on channel 16, you may call National Park Service and relay a message through them.



\*\*\*Marine Band frequencies will only work in line of sight due to high canyon walls which may interfere with signals\*\*\*



#### **Radio Protocols**

- Your Marina Band Radio is your main source of communication with facilities and services while on the lake.
- All marinas and the National Park Service monitor Channel 16.
- When communicating on the radio, general protocol requires that you establish contact on channel 16 and then switch to a mutually agreeable channel for further communication. (Unless in an EMERGENCY, which you will stay on Channel 16)
- When using the radio always use the protocols listed on the next page under "Communication Instructions"
- Your radio may have a "WX" button which will give you weather information from the National Weather Service. Switch to channel "WX 1" to check updated weather conditions



### Marine Band Radio (cont.)

#### **Communication Instructions**

- Before transmitting, monitor your radio channel to ensure that it is not in use.
- To transmit, press the "Talk" switch on the side of the microphone and hold it in while you transmit your message. Release the switch when your message is finished.
- In hailing another party, always use their call signs first(e.g. Antelope Point Boat Rentals, National Park Service, etc.) and identify your vessel (e.g. Houseboat # 450). You may have to repeat this hail several times.
- When you receive a response, you may be directed to a particular channel.
- Once you have reached the proper channel, you may converse freely.
- When your conversation has been completed, and a reply has been made, always return to CHANNEL 16 and hung up the microphone.
- As stated earlier, if reception is poor try adjusting the squelch, if that fails you may ask another boater, or a nearby Marina to act as a relay.



- UNNECESSARY COMMUNICATION, INTERFERENCE, PROFANE AND OBSCENE LANGUAGE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED BY FCC REGULATIONS! VIOLATORS CAN BE PROSECUTED.
- Never swim or use the waterslide while the motors or generators are running!
- CAUTION! Operation on channels not designated for use by your classification of craft, or on international channels when within the United States Territorial Waters, is a violation of Federal Law.
- Communication Commission rules and regulations and may result in severe penalties.
- DO NOT LET CHILDREN PLAY ON THE RADIO.
- MAYDAY, MAYDAY is only used when a person, or boat is threatened by grave or imminent danger, and requires assistance.



#### Equipment Tips!

- Make your call brief as a courtesy to others, DO NOT tie up the channel with unnecessary dialogue.
- It is a Federal offense to use profane language while transmitting.
- · Decide what you want to say before you call.
- Talk clearly and slowly and keep the handset several inches away from your mouth.
- Be sure to hold the microphone button down while you are speaking and release when finished speaking.
- Hold the talk button a at least 2 second before talking for a full transmission.
- You may have to use a cell phone to contact the marina if radio communication fails.



### **Air Conditioner/Heater**



#### Overview

- The generator must be running to activate the AC unit.
- The air conditioner operates similar to home central air & heating units.
- There are two sets of switches on the 220V panel that provide power to the AC unit that must be in the "ON" position.
- Once running use the thermostat control in the hallway on the wall to control temp, AC, heat and fan.
- Simply move the switch to desired function, either COOL or HEAT and set the thermostat to the desired temperature.





**Thermostat** - This is your control of the heating and cooling on the houseboat. \*VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER\* Never start or shut off generator with thermostat on.

Start Up Follow the following steps:

- Step 1. The thermostat should always be turned OFF before you start or shut off generator.
- **Step 2.** Start the generator; when running, turn your generator breaker on, then turn on the "AIR HANDLER", and "HVAC" breakers.
- Step 3. Turn switch ON to heat or cool, whichever is needed.
- Step 4. Thermostat should be set to 'Auto', and then by pushing arrow up or down, to desired temperature. It is important to set temperature increments only 5 degrees at a time, until room temperature is reached. If room temperature is 90 degrees and you would like 70 degrees, set at 85, 80, 75, and then 70. If you try to set temperature all at one time, unit will freeze up and not work, until unfrozen.

**Shut Down -** Turn thermostat OFF, Turn "AIR HANDLER", "HVAC" breakers off, turn off "POWER TRANSFER" breaker, and then turn off generator in that order.



#### Equipment Tips!

- Keep fan switch in auto position.
- Keep doors, windows and curtains closed to cool houseboat.
- Do not set temp lower than 70 degrees.
- Never place any obstacles on top of AC vents.



#### Troubleshooting Tips!

Unit keeps tripping the breaker: There is too much of a load on the generator. Turn off other breakers such as the Range/Oven.



### **Kitchen Appliances**

#### Overview

Your Houseboat has the same appliances found in most homes. They are all regularly serviced and maintained or replaced as needed. Some appliances such as the Refrigerator are powered by the inverter. Others such as the Range & Microwave require the generator to be running. Following is a list of your appliances and how they are powered:



- Electric Range with 4 burners and Oven Generator
- Microwave Generator
  Garbage Disposal Generator
  - Dishwasher Generator
  - 2- Full sized Refigerator Inverter
- Coffee Maker & Filters Inverter
- Toaster Inverter
- Blender Inverter

#### Safety Tips!

- As at home, PLEASE be very careful when operating any appliances.
- When not in use, turn appliances off, with the exception of the refrigerator.
- REMEMBER: Switch for garbage disposal is under sink. Watch small children around this area.



To ensure your refrigerator works efficiently, do not overload it with your grocery items. \*\*\*Keep space in your refrigerator to allow circulation on the inside\*\*\*



#### TV/Entertainment

- The houseboat has smart TVs in each bedroom, bluetooth, FM, AM radio, and Aux.
- Just as your TV at home, TV will operate the same
- Surround sound system can be pair with your phone or devices via bluetooth.



#### Connecting via Bluetooth

Step 1. Press Bluetooth setting.
Step 2. Go to setting button
Step 3. Press 'Discoverable' until you see 
Step 4. Bluetooth name 'MSStep 5. Complete connection on your phone.





### **Propane Barbeque**

#### Overview

The propane barbeque is located on the top deck of your Houseboat. The barbeque is equipped with its own 5 gallon propane tank. The valve for this tank must remain in the closed position at all times that the barbeque is not in use. Only use your barbeque when your boat is anchored on the beach, Never while underway. The proper use of the barbeque is as follows.



#### Starting the Barbeque

- Step 1. Open the lid of the barbeque. Never attempt to light the barbeque with the lid closed!
- Step 2. Open the valve on the propane tank located on the backside of the barbeque.
- Step 3. Push in and turn the control knobs on the face of the barbeque to the "HIGH" position.
- Step 4. Immediately light the barbeque using the automatic striker located on the face of the barbeque.
- Step 5. If automatic striker fails there are holes on each side for a barbeque lighter.
- Step 6. Use the control valves to adjust flame to desired cooking temperature.
- Step 7. Close the lid until desired temperature reached.
- **Step 8.** When you are done cooking, turn the control knobs to "OFF". Close the valve on the propane tank after grill has cooled.

#### Safety Tips!

- Never leave a lit barbeque unattended.
- Cook on lower temperatures to avoid flame-ups.
- Keep children away from lit barbeque as it is extremely hot.
- Close valve on propane tank. Turn controls to "OFF" when not in use.



Propane Tank



### Sun Deck

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#### Overview

If you are like most houseboaters you will be spending a lot of time on top of your boat. The sun deck has the wet bar, bluetooth stereo and fly bridge. The mini fridge, lights and outlets are powered by the inverter. Make sure the "BAR" switch is turned on at the breaker panel. If your mini fridge is not working you may need to check your GFI breaker and reset it.



#### Equipment Tips!

• There are ON / OFF switches and temp controls on the mini fridge and ice maker. Something to check if you loose power to them, after checking the Inverter and GFCI.



#### Safety Tips!

- No jumping or diving from the top deck!
- No one is allowed to sit on or go past the Fly Bridge.
- PLEASE! No cliff diving. It is against NPS rules on Lake Powell and is illegal to jump or dive from more than 15 feet.





### Slide

#### Overview

- 12V power, lake water.
- Draws water from the lake by pushing button at top of the slide. Water stops when button is released.
- Turn off water by turning off the "SLIDE" switch.



#### Safety Tips!

#### Make sure motors and generator are off.

- Before using slide always check around the slide to make sure there are no hazards hidden in the water.
- Always have adult supervision when using the slide. Never slide alone or head first.
- Make sure slide area is clear of boats, people & obstacles before using.
- Always secure the slide gate when not in use. Watch for nearby children not using slide anytime the gate is open.
- Antelope Point Marina policy requires that you wear a life jacket when using slide.
- Do NOT use slide while intoxicated.



#### Troubleshooting Tips!

- **No water coming out of slide:** Check the 12 Volt panel in the Generator compartment and reset the switch labeled "Slide Pump".
- Check if the switch labled "Slide" is on. This is located by the rear door.





Push to turn water on for slide



### **Smoke Decectors**



#### Overview

- There are smoke detectors on board. One in the main salon, one in the hallway, and one in each of the bedroom.
- Never ignore any alarm.
- If the alarm sounds and you are NOT ABLE TO SAFELY control the source of smoke:

Step 1. Remain Calm.
Step 2. Contact National Park Service.
Step 3. Contact Marina by phone, 928-645-5900 not your band radio.
Step 4. Get everyone off the houseboat immediately.



#### **Emergency Tips!**

- Exit the houseboat immediately through the front of the boat, if accessible, every second counts.
- Do not waste time getting dressed or picking up valuables.
- Do not open hot doors.
- Stay close to the floor if the air is smokey. Take short shallow breaths.
- Once outside, do a head count to make sure everyone is there.
- Do not go back inside the boat.

\*If underway grab lifejackets from safety cabinet. Children must ALL be wearing lifejacket when boat is in motion\*\*\*

\*\*\*Antelope Point Marina Phone Number 928-645-5900\*\*\*



### **Fire Extinguishers**



#### There are three different Fire Extinguishers on board

- 1. One on the front deck wall near the sliding glass doors.
- 2. One in the gallery near the sink window.
- 3. One on the AFT deck near the cabinet on the starboard side.





#### "PASS" method of use

- (P) PULL the pin.
- (A) AIM at the base of the fire.
- (S) SQUEEZE the trigger.
- (S) SPRAY in a sweeping motion across the base of the fire.









**Step 1.** Pull the pin at the top to break the tamper seal.

**Step 2.** Aim the extinguisher low, pointing the nozzle at the base of the fire. Do not aim at the flames themselves.

**Step 3.** Squeeze the handle to release the extinguishing agent.

**Step 4.** Sweep the extinguisher from side to side, continuing to at the base of the fire until it appears to be out.

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**Ordinary Combustibles** 

(wood, paper, cloth, etc)



Flammable Liquids (grease, oil, paint, solvents)



**Different Types of Combustibles** 

Live Electrical Equipment (electrical panel, motor,wiring, etc)



Combustible Metal (magnesium, aluminum, etc)



Commercial Cooking Equipment (cooking oils, animal fats, vegetable oils)



### **Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors & Exhaust**

#### Overview

- There are CO Detectors in all cabins, hallways, and living areas.
- Carbon Monoxide is a potentially deadly gas produced anytime a carbon based fuel, such as gasoline, propane, charcoal, or oil burns. Possible sources on your boat include motors and the generator.



- Carbon Monoxide is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and mixes evenly with air. It enters your blood stream through the lungs and displaces oxygen your body needs. Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning including: irritated eyes, headaches, nausea, weakness, and dizziness, are often confused with sea sickness, prolonged exposure can lead to death.
- Carbon monoxide can collect within a boat in a variety of ways. Poorly vented exhaust can re-enter a boat if it is moored too close to another boat, or if the exhaust is pushed back by prevailing winds. Exhaust can also re-enter through open windows.



**CO Alarm** - Steady RED light and 4 "beeps" then off for 5 seconds: indicates that the CO level is over 100ppm (parts per million). Then the RED light will stay on until the CO has cleared, or the alarm will reactivate in approximately 6 minutes in the event carbon monoxide is still present.

**Low CO Alarm** - Flashing RED light and 4 "beep" then off for 5 seconds: indicates the presence of 70 ppm or more of CO. This cycle will continue until reset switch has been activated. Then the RED light will continue to flash until the CO has cleared, or the alarm will reactivate in approximately 6 minutes in the event carbon monoxide is still present.

- These alarms have an indicator light that displays a specific color for each monitored condition.
- In both cases described above:

Step 1. Operate the rest/silence button.

- Step 2. Turn off the generator and engines, if running.
- Step 3. Move everyone to the outside decks for fresh air.
- Step 4. Do a head count to check that all persons are accounted for.
- Step 5. Open the doors and let the cabin air out.



- Step 6. Check to make sure the alarm is in its normal operating position.
- Step 7. After following the above steps and your alarm reactivates within a
  - 24 hour period, call the marina assistance. (Add Marina assistance #)

#### Low Battery Alarm Red/Green light

- If your 12V battery system gets low the "low battery" warning will go off on all of your CO
- detectors. (One beep every five seconds).
- This alarm is easily confused with the CO alarm.
- If you are sure that this is the case you need to run your generator until the system is re-charged.

#### Exhaust

- CO is vented upwards through the "stacks" on the top deck.
- There is still a possibility though that CO could stay near the boat and be a hazard.



### **Automatic Engine Compartment Fire Supression**

#### Overview

- Your houseboat is equipped with an automatically activated "Temperature Sensor Valve". Discharge will occur when the sensor valve temperature rises to the activation point.
- The monitoring switch has a green light that is on while underway. If the light should go out while you are underway, it is an indication of a fire in the bilge area and the "Temperature Sensor Valve" has discharged the extinguishing agent to put out the fire.
- If it should go off at any time you may hear a loud report and hissing sound. Smoke may also be present.
- In case of extinguisher discharge, do not open the protected compartment.
- Avoid breathing in the vapors from the extinguisher.
- Turn off the motors. Make sure generator, and blowers are off.
- Use the contact protocal provided to you by the Marina.



#### Safety Tips!

- If you have any issues contact the Marina for help.
- Use safety protocals if any of the alarms of extingushier go off.









#### **Bilge Pumps**

- There are automatic bilge pumps located in the bilge
- You may also turn on the bilge pumps manually.
- These switches are located at the helm.



#### Safety Tips!

- If you notice that the bilge pump is running constantly then check the bilge for any visible water.
- Make sure you are safely anchored to the beach and call the Marina to inform them of the issue.

### Life Jackets / Throw Rings / First Aid Kit & safety flag

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#### Life Jackets (PFD's)

- Adult life jackets (PFD's) are kept in the front port safety cabinet along with a first aid kit, throw cushion, and orange SOS flag.
- Should your party need more, contact the marina staff prior to departure. You will be shown the proper way to secure lifejackets prior to your departure.
- Children's life jackets (PFD's) are available from the marina. Contact the marina staff to help fit your child with the proper size lifejacket.
- All children 12 years of age and under and non-swimmers must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times while the houseboat is underway.

#### **Throw Rings & Throw Cushion**

- A "throwable" flotation device is also located in the front port safety cabinet.
- There are also two throw rings, one on the forward deck and another on the AFT deck. They have floating nylon lines attached to them to help retrieve someone having trouble in the water.
- A staff member can show you the proper use of these floatation devices if needed.
- These devices are intended for emergency use only. They are not toys.

#### First Aid Kit & Orange Safety Flag

- Located in the front port safety cabinets are a first a kit and orange SOS flag.
- SOS flag is a visual distress signal. Use this ONLY in an emergency to display a visual distress signal.
- First aid kit is provided on board. This kit is sealed for security and safety purposes.



#### **Equipment Tips!**

- Have everyone in the party / on board get familiar with where the safety cabinet or supplies are located on the houseboat.
- Allow easy acess for safety equipment. DO NOT crowd safety cabinet areas.









#### Overview

- Anchors are stored in the front deck hatches, and the ropes are pre-tied to the aft cleats.
- We recommend avoiding areas of heavy boat traffic or where prevailing winds could build up waves.
- Ease up to a nice wide sandy beach and have someone scouting the water for underwater hazards as you approach the beach. *REMINDER: Stay inside railings. DO NOT hang over railings of bow.*
- Generator should be off when underway and before beaching to avoid overheating or sucking anything up into the generator intake.
- When you are approaching the beach you need to be at the helm, not the flying bridge. Ease your boat to the beach at about 800-1000 RPM's.
- As you meet the beach keep your motors running until the boat is secure.
- Always be sure an operator stays at the helm until the boat is securely anchored.
- It is safest to make sure nobody is swimming around the boat, until the boat is secured.
- Move the anchors to the beach after throwing the ropes to the beach.
- There are shovels provided to dig your holes.
- The anchors need to be set at 45 & 90 degree angels from the boat.
- If it is windy, always start from the side the wind is coming from.
- Always do one side of the boat at a time.
- Stretch your ropes out at 45 & 90 degree angles.
- The 90 degree ropes should be further away from the boat than the 45 degree ropes. (See diagram, next page.)
- Dig a deep hole, (2-3 feet) tie the rope to the anchor and bury the anchor with the points down and toward the houseboat. Cover the anchor with a large mound of sand. You can even pour water over the sand to help set them into place. After the rope is set, you need to tighten up the rope as tight as possible.
- With the 30 degree anchor set closer to the boat pull the rope through the shackle and back to the forward cleat and secure it to the cleat. This way if the winds blow your ropes are six-pointed instead of four, and as the wind is blowing the back of the ropes up front are also being tightened.
- Repeat the process on the other side of the boat.
- When you are ready to tie these ropes, use the motors to swing the boat in that direction so when you ease up on the throttle and the boat moves back to its neutral position the ropes will be tighter.
- Only after ALL the ropes are secure should you turn the motors off.



#### **Equipment Tips!**

- If it becomes windy and you are worried about the boat coming loose, you can use the motors to power against the winds by turning them so they resist the wind. Also be aware that fluctuating lake levels may necessitate moving the boat in either in or out and adjusting the ropes accordingly.
- We are in the desert- mice, lizards, ants, bats, coyotes, etc. are residents of the desert we are the guests. As such, these animals feel they have the right to join you on your boat. So, therefore, always raise your boarding ladder at night!
- We recommend putting a paper plate at the end of your anchor rope to help keep small animals from boarding the houseboat via anchor ropes.





**1.** Approach the beach SLOWLY **(no more than 800-1000 RPM's)** Have your crew ready to set your anchors AND watch for obstacles.



 2. Hold your RPM's steady to keep boat stable and in place whilt setting your anchors.
 (Especially on windy days)



**3.** After setting your anchors and ropes. Use your motors to swing from side to side while tightening your ropes to aid in securing the houseboat.











#### Leaving the Beach:

Water levels will depend on houseboat backing off easily, or having a difficult time. When water level drops, sand will accumulate around the bow of houseboat not allowing you to back off the beach. Here are some helpful hints that will help you.

**Step 1.** PROP WASH, with motor in center position reverse throttles to 2500 RPM'S. Prop wash the sand from underneath houseboat, this process might take up to 30 minutes or longer. Be careful not to overheat the engines.

**Step 2.** "FISH TAIL" (YAW), turn steering wheel all the way to left, allowing houseboat to swing as far as possible without propellers hitting shore. Turnsteering wheel to right, allowing houseboat to swing as far as possible without hitting propellers. Motors should be at 3000 RPM'S in reverse, repeat process until loose.

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If the houseboat does not move at all, try the above process with motors in forward gear at 4000 RPM'S to help the boat get more maneuverability, then repeat all steps above.



### **General Boating Information**

This section contains information generally not covered in other chapters. Some of the information here is touched on in other parts of the manual but if so, it doesn't hurt to review it again.

#### Loading your Boat

• Please be conscious of where you place your supplies and belongings in the boat. Extra weight on the front deck will make the bow ride low in the water, causing water to splash on to the front deck of the boat. Try to distribute the weight evenly front and back, and side to side. Put all heavy objects on the rear of the houseboat.

#### Hailing for Help

- There are several ways to call for help:
- Always be aware of your position on the map and GPS coordinates.
- Make sure all passengers know how to put on the lifejackets (PFD's) or have someone assist them.
- · Contact help using the VHF radio.
  - In a true emergency you need to contact the National Park Service.
  - Use the emergency channel (16).
  - Hail: NPS this is Houseboat (your number), we have an emergency.
  - State the nature of your problem and your location.
  - Leave the VHF radio on the emergency channel unless instructed otherwise.
- Some areas may have poor reception, so using other vessels to relay messages may help.
- Hang the distress flag on the back of the houseboat (located in the bathroom cabinets along with your lifejackets (PFD's).
- Make noise with the bell or horn.

#### **US Coast Guard Information**

#### IMPORTANT U.S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

- Children 12 years of age and under must wear a US Coast Guard approved lifejacket (PFD) at all times while the boat is underway.
- Negligent or grossly negligent operation of vessel which endangers life, limb, or property is a criminal offense and is punishable by law.
- Operating in swimming areas is prohibited.
- Operating while under the influence of drugs or exceeding the legal limit of alcohol is prohibited.
- Excessive speed in the vicinity of other boats, or in dangerous waters is prohibited.
- Riding outside of railed areas is prohibited.
- There must be a US COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFEJACKET (PFD) onboard for each person while underway.
- The "Refuse Act" prohibits throwing trash of any kind into the water or on land.
- The "Clean Water Act" prohibits discharge of water or liquids into the lake.



### **General Boating Information (cont.)**

#### **Navigation Rules**

- The navigation rules are much like the rules of the road on the highway. They establish a consistent way to navigate safely and avoid collisions when two boats are crossing paths, are on course to meet head-on, or when one boat wishes to overtake another.
- · Sailboats (under sail) have the right of way over powerboats except when overtaking.
- When crossing another power boat, the boat to the starboard (right) has the right of way and must hold course speed.
- When approaching another boat head on, go to your right and pass with the other boat on your port side (left).
- When overtaking another boat, give way to the boat ahead.
- Four or more short blast on the horn indicates "DANGER".

#### **Enforced Rental Regulations**

- You may not drive your houseboat after dark.
- You must be back to the Marina with the boat cleaned and inspected by the Marina staff by 2 PM.
- Dirty houseboats wil be charged a cleaning fee.
- · Late returns risk additional late fee charges.
- It is your responsibility to have the proper amount and size life jackets for all passengers on board.
- Children 12 years of age and under must wear US Coast Gaurd approved life jackets (PFD) when the boat is underway.
- Do not tie boats to the railings. All towing must be done from the aft cleats, and you may not side tie any boats to your houseboat.
- Loud music and offensive noise is not permitted. Please respect the right of others.
- Driving a houseboat while intoxicated is illegal and is enforced by law enforcement.
- Bring all garbage and bottles back to the Marina.
- · Do not throw anything overboard.
- If you plan to fish you need a fishing license.
- Houseboat races are not permitted.
- Water bombs or ballons are strictly prohibited on any Antelope Point Houseboat, by Federal law, as are BB guns and paint ball guns.
- Tying houseboats together side by side is not permitted.
- Fireworks are prohibbited on Antelope Point Houseboats and are regulated by Federal and State laws.

#### Housekeeping

- Always remember to keep the mooring ropes coiled neatly on the deck and tied, ready for action if an emergency situation should occur. This will also keep them from getting caught in propellers.
- · Keep trash in covered trash cans to reduce attracting animals on board houseboat.

#### Preparing your Houseboat for Return

- CHECK IN TIME: The check in time is 2 PM. You must be refueled, pumped out, unloaded, cleaned and inspected by a member of our staff by 2 PM.
- This means: all trash removed, counter tops wiped and floors mopped, any spills cleaned up, refrigerators wiped out, carpets vacuumed.
- A cleaning fee may be charged if the above is not done prior to 2 PM.





Aboard - On or within the boat. Above Deck - On the deck (not over it - See ALOFT) Abreast - Side by side: by the side of. Adrift - Loose, not on moorings or towline. AFT - Toward the stern of the boat. Aground - Touching of fast to the bottom. Ahead - In a forward direction. Aids to Navigation - Artificial ojects to supplement natural landmarks indicating safe and unsafe waters. Alee - Away from the direction of the wind. Opposite of windward. Aloft - Above the deck of the boat. Anchorage - A place suitable for anchoring in relation to the wind, sea and bottom. Astern - In the back of the boat, oppostie of ahead. Aweigh - The postion of the anchor as it is raised clear of the bottom.



Batten Down - Secure hatches and loose objects both within the hull and on deck.

Beam - The greatest width of the boat.

- **Bearing -** The direction of an object expressed either as a true bearing as shown on the chart, or as a bearing relative to the heading of the boat.
- Below Beneath the deck.
- Bilge The interior of the hull below the floor boards.
- Black Water The waste water discharged by your toilets into the waste holding tank.



- **Boat -** A fairly indefinite term. A waterborne vehicle smaller than a ship. One definition is a small craft carried aboard a ship.
- **Boat Hook -** A short shaft with a fitting at one end shaped to facilitate use in putting a line over a piling, recovering an oject dropped overboard, or in pushing or fending off.
- Bow The forward part of a boat.
- Bow Line A docking line leading from the bow.
- Bowline A knot used to form a temorary loop in the end of a line.
- **Bridge -** The location from which a vessel is steered and its speed controlled. "Control Station" is really a more appropriate term for small craft.
- Bulkhead A vertical partition separating compartments.
- **Buoy** An anchored float used for marking a position on water or a hazard or a shoal and for mooring.
- Burden Vessel That vessel which, according to the applicable Navigation Rules, must give way to

the privileged vessel. The term has been superseded by the term "give-way".



Cabin - A compartment for passengers or crew.

Capsize - To turn over.

Cast Off - To let go.

- Chart A map for use by navigators.
- **Cleat** A fitting to which lines are made fast. The classic cleat to which lines are belayed is approximately anvil-shaped.
- Clove Hitch A knot for temporarily fastening a line to a spar or piling.
- CO Carbon Monoxide, a colorless, odorless deadly gas produced by all fossil fuel burning motors
   & generators.



- Cock Pit An opening in the deck from which the boat is handled.
- Course The direction in which a boat is steered.
- Current The horizontal movement of water.



Dead Ahead - Directly ahead.

- Dead Astern Directly AFT.
- Deck A permanent covering over a compartment, hull or any part thereof.
- Dinghy A small open boat. A dinghy is often used as a tender for a larger craft.
- **Displacement -** The weight of water displaced by a floating vessel, thus, a boat's weight.
- Dock A protected water area in which vessels are moored. The term is often used to denote a pier or

a wharf.

**Draft -** The depth of water a boat draws.



**EBB** - A receding current.



Fathom - Six feet.

Fender - A cushion, placed between boats, or between a boat and a pier, to prevent damage.

Flood - An incoming current.

- Floorboards The surface of the cockpit on which the crew stand.
- Flying Bridge/Fly Bridge The top deck helm from which you can pilot the houseboat.

Fore-and-AFT - In a line parallel to the keel.



Forward - Toward the bow of the boat.

Freeboard - The minimum vertical distance from the surface of the water to the gunwale.



Galley - The kitchen area of a boat.

Gangway - The area of a ship's side where people board and disembark.

Gear - A general term for ropes, blocks, tables and other equipment.

- **Give-way Vessel -** A term used to describe the vessel which must yield in meeting, crossing, or overtaking situations.
- **GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupt) -** Built in circuit breaker in some electrical outlets. It will trip if there is a change in power flow.
- GPS (Global Positioning System) A U.S. Government Satellite system created as an aid to navigation

Grey Water - The waste water produced from your sinks and showers.



- Hatch An opening in a boat's deck fitted with a watertight cover.
- Head A marine toilet. Also the upper corner of a triangular sail.
- Heading The direction in which a vessel's bow points at any given time.
- Headway The forward motion of a boat. Opposite of sternway.
- Helm The wheel or tiller controlling the rudder. HELMSPERSON The person who steers the boat.
- **Hitch** A knot used to secure a rope to another object or to another rope, or to form a loop or a noose in a rope.
- Hold A compartment below deck in a large vessel, used solely for carrying cargo.
- Hull The main body of a vessel.







Jacobs Ladder - A rope ladder, lowered from the deck, as when pilots or passengers come aboard.

Jetty - A structure, usually masonry, projecting out from the shore; a jetty may protect a harbor entrance.



- Keel The centerline of a boat running fore an aft; the backbone of a vessel.
- Knot A measure of speed equal to one nautical mile (6076 feet) per hour.
- **Knot** A fastening made by interweaving rope to form a stopper, to enclose or bind an object, to form a loop or a noose, to tie a small rope to an object, or to tie the ends of two small ropes together.



Latitude - The distance north or south of the equator measured and expressed in degrees.

- Lee The side sheltered from the wind.
- Leeward The direction away from the wind. Opposite of windward.
- Leeway The sideways movement of the boat caused by either wind or current.
- Lifejacket (PFD) Personal Floatation Device
- Line Rope and cordage used aboard a vessel.
- Log A record of courses or operation. Also, a device to measure speed.
- Longitude The distance in degrees east or west of the meridian at Greenwich, England.





MMC (Mathers Micro Commander) - Multi-station throttle and shift control device used in navigating.

**Midship** - Approximately in the location equally distant from the bow and stern.

**Mooring -** An arrangement for securing a boat to a mooring buoy or a pier.



**Nautical Mile -** One minute of lattitude; approximately 6076 feet - about 1/8 longer than the statute mile of 5280 feet.

Navigation - The art and science of conducting a boat safely from one point to another.

Navigation Rules - The regulations governing the movement of vessels in relation to each other, generally

called steering and sailing rules.



Outboard - Toward or beyond the boat's sides. A detachable engine mounted on a boat's stern.

Overboard - Over the side or out of the boat.



- Piloting Navigation by use of visible references, the depth of the water, etc.
- **Planing -** A boat is said to be planing when it is essentially moving over the top of the water rather than through the water.
- Potable Drinkable.
- Port The left side of a boat looking forward. A harbor.
- Priveleged Vessel A vessel which, according to the applicable Navaigation Rule, has right-of-way

(this term has been superseded by the term "Stand-on").





Quarter - The side of a boat aft of amidships.



**Rope -** In general, cordage as it is purchased at the store. When it comes aboard a vessel and is put to use, it becomes line.

Rudder - A vertical plate or board for steering a boat.

Run - To allow a line to feed freely.

Running Lights - Lights required to be shown on boats underway between sundown and sun up.



Satellite Navigation - A form of position finding using radio transmission from satellites with

sophisticated on-board automatic equipment.

Screw - A boat's propeller.

- **Seamanship** All the arts and skills of boat handling, ranging from maintenance and repairs to piloting, sail handling, marlinespike work, and rigging.
- Seaworthy A boat or a boat's gear able to meet the usual sea conditions.

Secure - To make fast.

- Set Direction toward which the current is flowing.
- **Ship** A larger vessel usually thought of as being used for ocean travel. A vessel able to carry a "boat" on board.
- Slack Not fastened; loose. Also, to loosen.
- Sounding A measurement of the depth of water.



- **Spring Line** A pivot line used in docking, undocking, or to prevent the boat from moving forward or astern while made fast to a dock.
- **Squall** A sudden, violent wind often accompanied by rain.
- Square Knot A knot used to join two lines of similar size. Also called a reef knot.
- Stand-on Vesssel That vessel which has right-of-way during a meeting, crossing or overtaking situations.
- Starboard The right side of a boat when looking forward.
- Stem The forward most part of the bow.
- Stern The after part of the boat.
- Stern Line A docking line leading from the stern.
- Stow To put an item in its proper place.
- Swamp To fill with water, but not settle to the bottom.



- Tide The periodic rise and fall of water level in the oceans.
- Tiller A bar or handle for turning a boat's rudder or an outboard motor.
- **Topsides -** The sides of a vessel between the waterline and the deck; sometimes referring to onto or above the deck.
- Tow Line A rope used for towing vessels behind another boat.
- Transom The stern cross-section of a square sterned boat.
- Trim Fore and AFT balance of a boat.



- **Underway -** Vessel in motion i.e. when not moored, at anchor, or aground.
- **Under Load** Term for describing electrical power running through your generator.





V Bottom - A hull with the bottom section in the shape of a "V".



Wake - Moving waves, track or path that a boat leaves behind it, when moving across the waters.

Waterline - A line painted on a hull which shows the point to which a boat sinks when it is properly

trimmed.

Way - Movement of a vessel through the water such as headway, sternway or leeway.

Windward - Toward the direction from which the wind is coming.



- **Yacht -** A pleasure vessel, a pleasure boat; in American usage the idea of size and luxury is conveyed, either sail or power.
- Yaw To swing or steer off course, as when running with quartering sea.