

SMALL VESSEL OPERATIONS

PROCEDURES FOR USE OF SMALL VESSELS

TRAINING

- Proof of completion of a recognized training program United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Power Squadron, or State of Connecticut.
- Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate
- Current CPR/basic first aid

CHECKOUT

- All new vessel operators must read Small Vessel Operations Guidelines (available in Marine Operations office)
- Must receive orientation from member of marine operations staff.
- Must demonstrate proficiency with all operational and safety equipment on each vessel used
- Must demonstrate proficiency with trailer use including launch and recovery
- Must demonstrate proficiency in basic seamanship, navigation, communications and emergency procedures.

OPERATION

- Vessel should be reserved as early as possible. This done by marking dates needed on calendar located in Dive Locker/Marine Ops building. If this is a new project or you are unsure which vessel is appropriate please check with marine operations manager.
- Float plan should be completed and posted on board in Dive Locker/Marine Ops building. Plan must include name of contact person and phone #
- When trip is complete form should be moved to completed section of board.
Please note any problems with boat, in lower section of float plan.

SAFETY

- All vessels are equipped with required safety equipment. Please report any discrepancies to marine ops.
- Work vests should be worn in open cockpit vessels at all times
- VHF's are permanently mounted on Challenger. Portable radios should be carried on all other small boats.
- It is also recommended that a cell phone be carried. If do not have your own, one may be available from marine operations.
- There should be at least 2 persons on vessel at all times.
- Please consult with Marine Operations before operating boats in fog or small craft warnings.