



BOAT RENTAL BUSINESS GUIDE

What is a livery or boat rental business? Any person who is engaged full or part-time in the business of leasing or renting boats (including personal watercraft, kayaks, SUPs, etc.) to other persons.

What is an outfitter guide? An Outfitter Guide is a person, or someone affiliated with a business that offers outdoor recreational services (leading, instructing or assisting) for any sort of compensation.

Oregon Revised Statute 830.425 requires boat rental businesses to register with the [Marine Board](#). Registration can be done electronically by going to the [Boat Oregon Store](#), logging into your account, then **click "Online Services", and selecting "Boat Rental Business Registration."** Please complete all the information required, if applicable. You can also visit the [Boat Rental Business Hub](#) for additional information.

What if I am already registered, how do I renew?

Once you have registered with the Marine Board you will be required to renew every two years. The renewal process can be done by going to the [Boat Oregon Store](#), logging into your account, then going to **"Online Services", and selecting "Boat Rental Business Registration Renewal"** where you will then fill out the application and submit online to the Marine Board.

Equipment Regulations

State law requires all rental boats to be [equipped with specific safety equipment](#) that is in good serviceable condition. For non-motorized boats including stand-up paddleboards, this includes a properly fitted US Coast Guard approved life jacket and a sound making device like a whistle.

Waterway Access Permits & Registration

If renting non-motorized boats 10 feet or longer, you must purchase the Waterway Access Permit for each boat. There is a discount on bulk permits (5 vessels or more) for rental businesses, liveries, and Outfitter Guides that can only be purchased through the Marine Board online store.

Boating Safety Education & Boat Rentals

Oregon's Mandatory Boating Education requires people operating any boat with a motor greater than 10 hp, including personal watercraft, to complete an approved boating safety education course and carry their boating education card.

Renters have the option of completing a ["Watercraft Rental Safety Checklist"](#) for motorboats and a ["PWC Safety Checklist"](#) for personal watercraft (jet skis) instead of completing a course. The dates on the checklist signatory page must match the dates of the rental agreement. The bottom portion of the checklist must be carried by the renter while operating.

To promote safe boating practices, the Marine Board provides a [Paddling Safety Checklist](#) that outlines the legal requirements and safety information needed for non-motorized boating. The paddling checklist is not mandatory, but we recommend going over the checklist with all paddling rental customers.