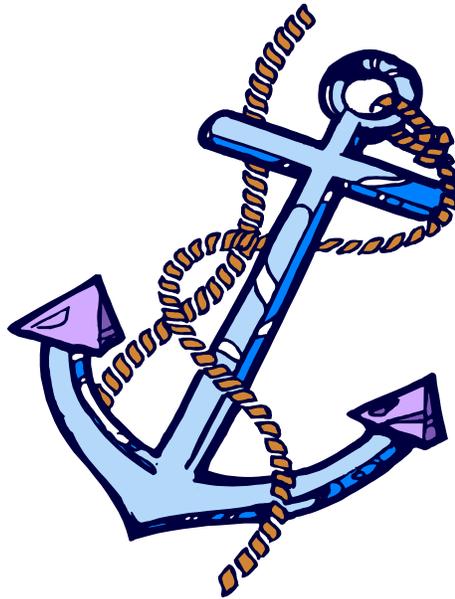


MWR MARINA GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA

SMALL BOAT OPERATOR STUDY GUIDE



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THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS FOR YOU, THE PATRON, TO PREPARE FOR THE GUANTANAMO BAY SMALL BOAT OPERATOR'S LICENSE

GENERAL INFORMATION

- All boaters should become familiar with and comply with the International Rules of the Road.
- Vessels that need to use specific channels (i.e., the Naval Station Ferry or foreign vessels) has less ability to maneuver, thus, they have the right of way. Sailboats and personally powered crafts (i.e., kayaks, paddleboats) also have limited maneuvering ability and speed, thus they have right of way over motorized vessels unless they are in a channel. Sailboats and kayaks should limit their time in channels to avoid interfering with powerboats by quickly and directly crossing the channel.
- Be courteous to sailboats, non-motorized crafts and docked or tied up vessels: limit your wake when passing.
- When approaching vessels are in a "head on" situation, each vessel should turn to starboard (skipper's right when facing the bow).
- In a crossing situation between vessels, the boat on the right has the right of way.
One horn blast means: I am altering course to starboard
Two horn blasts means: I am altering course to port.
Three horn blasts means: I am operating astern:
Five or more horn blasts mean: DANGER.....Stay Clear!!!!
- A white stern light, red port light and a green starboard light must be displayed when underway at night. A 360 degree (all-around) white light must be displayed when a vessel is anchored at night.
- When a boat operator is in distress, he/she may signal for help by waving their arms at passing boats, use smoke, flares, horn blasts, whistle, yelling or VHF radio (channel 73). When a passing boat operator sights a vessel in distress, the operator **MUST** answer or render assistance to the distressed boater.

- The boat operator is solely responsible for the safe operation of the vessel and is ultimately responsible for the safety and actions of his crew and passengers. The boat operator is responsible for ensuring that all applicable safety equipment is onboard.
- Required safety equipment: (a) adequate anchor with minimum of 110 feet of line; (b) a personal flotation device (PFD); for each person on board; (c) paddle or oar; (d) fire extinguisher; (e) first aid kit; (f) flares or other signaling device; (g) manual bilge pump or bucket; (h) and VHF radio.
- **All Boat Renters Must Have Their Radio On Channel 13 AT ALL TIMES**

LOCAL BAY RULES

COMNAVBASEGTMOINST 1710.10H is the Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife Instruction. This instruction establishes regulations governing the use of outdoor recreational facilities on board U.S. Naval Base, to ensure the safety of all base residents and visitors and to preserve indigenous plants and wildlife. This instruction applies to all residents and visitors on board the Naval Base. Noncompliance may result in an administrative action including suspension of privileges and debarment, and criminal prosecution for those subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

- The U.S. Naval Station, Security Department, Harbor Patrol is responsible for enforcing all International, local and 1710.10H instructions and is the sole agency responsible for issuance of citations for violation of this instruction.
- MWR asks that boat operators **Do Not** consume any alcohol immediately before or during the operation of a boat. As on land, the legal age for alcohol consumption and the legal blood alcohol content level still apply. Be smart, passengers use moderation and good judgement in alcohol consumption before or during boating. You will be held responsible for your actions.
- When a boating party is planning to stay at Hospital Cay overnight, Port Control, and Naval Station Security must be notified. Any patrons utilizing Hospital Cay must understand that the “leave no trace” rule applies. There is no cleaning service available. Everything brought to the island must be removed. Leave no trash behind, ensure that all fires and charcoal have been completely extinguished.

- Continuing to operate a boat after loss of all harbor privileges is prohibited.
- Boaters **CAN** tie up to battle ship moorings and hotel buoy but you **CANNOT** tie up to any other navigational aids. At any time, a military vessel may ask you to move, in which case you must immediately give right of way.
- No vessels are permitted within **300 yards** of Phillips Park Dive Pier or any other public beach except Hicacal Beach.
- Stay **50 yards** clear of any vessel displaying a dive flag, or dive flag buoy.
- Base ferries, utility boats, naval vessels, merchant ships and any other foreign ships transiting the bay are regarded as navigating in a restricted channel and have the right of way. Stay **300 yards** clear of these vessels.
- MWR Marina, Port Control and Harbor Patrol can be reached by VHF radio channel 73.
- **MWR Boats Are Not Allowed Past Northern And Southern Boundaries.**
- **Vessel operators are responsible for checking with Port Control for any changes to bay conditions before and during excursions on the bay.**
- Vessel operators shall decrease boat speed sufficiently so as not to create a wake within any area marked with a “**No Wake**” sign or within **50 yards** of any shoreline or anchored vessel.
- **Guantanamo River.** The Guantanamo River is open to all vessels except vessels under sail. Boaters shall not go past the Guantanamo River Bridge. **At No Time Shall Anyone Leave The Boat To Go Ashore, Dive or Swim.** The river is a “**No Wake**” **Zone** and is secured to boaters from sunset to sunrise and when live fire exercises are in progress.

- **Nighttime Operations.** All vessels operating on the bay **Must Be Logged With Port Control At All Times.** The following information will be requested: vessel number, type of vessel, name of owner and operator, berthing or slip location, telephone number, number of passengers, general location and approximate time of return to port. Upon returning to the Marina or dock contact Port Control to close out float plan.
- **SCUBA DIVING AND SNORKELING:** A dive flag buoy is required when diving from a boat, near Hicacal Beach or beyond 300 yards from Phillips Dive Pier or a public beach. **No Matter The Reason, Or How Short The Duration, No One Is Permitted To SCUBA Dive Or Snorkel Alone!**

MWR SPECIFIC RULES FOR RENTAL VESSELS

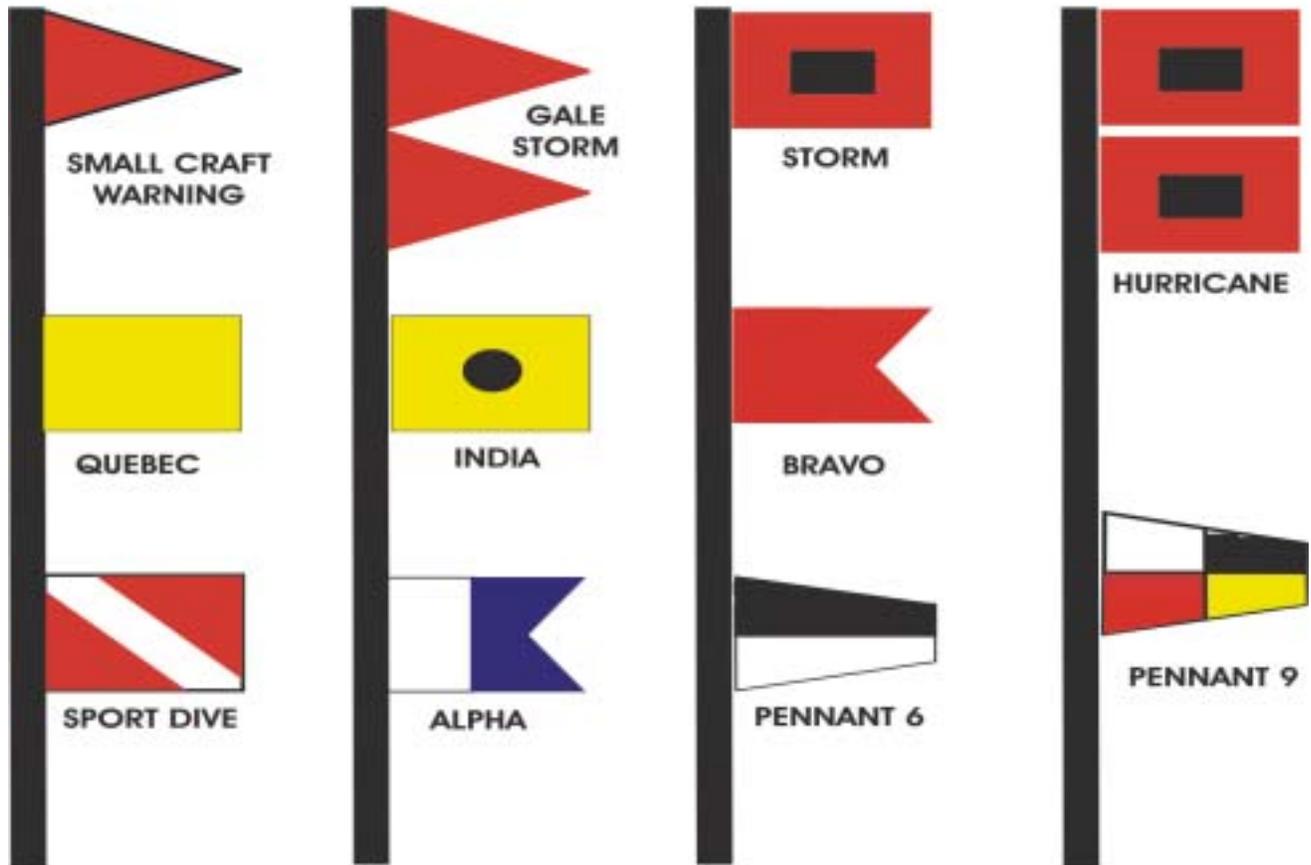
- The Skipper is solely responsible for the safe operation of the vessel and is ultimately responsible for the safety and actions of his crew and passengers. Accordingly, the Skipper shall observe and ensure compliance with this guidebook, 1710.10H and the International Rules of the Road for Boating.
- **THE INDUSTRIAL AREA (Naval Vessel Protection Zone) IS OFF-LIMITS TO ALL PLEASURE CRAFT, ESPECIALLY MWR RENTAL BOATS. INDUSTRIAL AREA IS BETWEEN FISHERMAN'S POINT (FERRY LANDING) AND RADIO POINT.**
- Vessel operators are solely responsible for the condition of MWR equipment during the rental period. The operator is responsible for any loss of Marina equipment or damage incurred during the rental period. Upon completion of this period, cleaning of the vessel is the responsibility of the vessel operator. Damaged or lost equipment will be charged at the current resale price.
- **No Wake Zone.** The MWR Marina and Sailing Center is a No Wake Zone. Only travel at idle speed through this area. Due to shallow reefs, the Marina may only be entered or exited west of the small mangrove island, between the red and green buoys and the two orange markers north of the Sailing Center.

- **Heavy Weather.** In the event of heavy weather in which boats are recalled, the Marina Manager will determine on a case by case basis if a prorated refund is due to the customer. MWR Vessels are grounded during Thunderstorm Condition 1 and threatening hurricane conditions.
- If during the rental period, an anchor becomes stuck, the vessel operator is authorized to cut the line only after a float has been attached to the line. Once you return to the Marina, report your loss to the cashier and provide specific location data so retrieval can be attempted. If not recovered patrons will be charged for lost property.
- MWR boat renters should return their vessel on schedule. If you wish to stay out longer, check in with the Marina staff (channel 73) to see if an extension is possible. Be considerate of other customers, please be on time.
- MWR patrons are **not allowed** to bring their own gas for use on MWR boats. This policy is to ensure your personal safety and ensure that only top quality uncontaminated fuel is used in our boats.
- All vessel operators should use common sense when operating on Guantanamo Bay. The wearing PFD's is strongly encouraged, especially between dusk and dawn. Parents are advised to see that their minor children wear life jackets at all times of the day.
- Boat slips at M327 "Dock of the Bay", Post Office/Fleet Landing, Boat Shed 761, Pier 33, and Sailing Center are for boat slip rental customers **Only**. Do not park in these slips at any time! Contact the Marina Manager for more information, to rent a slip or to be added to the waiting list.

PROPER CLEATING

- Start with a turn around the cleat so that the line passes under each horn once.
- Cross over the cleat as is to make a "figure 8".
- Finish with a half inch over one horn so the "bitter end" of the rope is secured under the "standing end" of the rope. Be sure that the half inch is laced (lying beside the other strand neatly)
- More wrappings are not needed and they only slow the process of casting off.

KNOW YOUR FLAGS



SMALL CRAFT
GALE STORM
STORM
HURRICANE

Winds up to 33 knots
Winds 34 - 47 knots
Winds 48 - 63 knots
Winds 64 knots or more

QUEBEC
INDIA
BRAVO

All non-military vessels return to berths
Bay is closed to all vessels
Guantanamo River is closed to all vessels

SPORT DIVE
ALPHA

Diver in the water - stay 50 yards away
International & Navy Dive Signals

PENNANT 6
PENNANT 9

Live fire boundaries are in effect
Live ordinance being fired out to sea