

MY BOATING PROFILE

Use this as a guide to help you in selecting your new (or used) boat. Remember to make your choices based on the kinds of activities you'll be pursuing, and the weather and sea conditions you may encounter while out on the water.

Ask your dealer help and suggestions, take a test ride, and be sure to become well acquainted with the operating procedures for your boat. Take the time to enroll in a Safe Boating course, and be very familiar with the boating regulations in the area you're boating in. Many states have different regulations.

Be safe, file a float plan, and happy boating.

1. Where will the majority of your boating activities take place?

- Fresh Water
- Salt Water
- A little of both

1A. What type of water conditions will you be in?

- Smooth, calm waters
- Slow rivers, lakes, reservoirs, shallow bays & coastal areas
- Open ocean, large lakes, offshore conditions

2. What kind of activities will you be doing on or with your boat?

- Skiing, wakeboarding, tubing
- Pleasure cruising
- Fishing
- Live aboard
- Nighttime cruising/weekend overnighting

3. How many people will typically be on the boat at one time?

- # Adults
- # Children

4. My Experience/Skill level as an operator.

- ___ Beginner – never operated a boat
- ___ Beginner – some time at the helm, but minimal
- ___ Average – more than 20 hours operating a similar style boat
- ___ Average – more than 20 hours on a different style boat
- ___ Experienced – over 100 hours operating similar style boat
- ___ Experienced – over 100 hours operating different style boat
- ___ Seasoned – over 300 hours operating similar style boat in varying sea conditions including adverse weather.

5. My budget.

\$ _____ to \$ _____

6. Used Boat Options. Have boat & motor surveyed. _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

7. Test Ride.

8. Trailering???

___ Will my vehicle tow the weight, AND stop it safely?

9. Referrals to other owners of same type boat.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

10. Dealer satisfaction referrals. Consider sales, factory/dealer warranty response, delivery timeframe, and service.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

11. Other items that you will need to check on.

Safety Gear

Electronics – VHF radio, GPS, EPIRB, Depth finder, Battery charger

Is service local?

Storage

Dealer-offered operator instruction

Safe Boating Course