

# FLOAT PLAN

Fill this in before you go and leave it with a reliable person ashore — they hold the plan and raise the alarm if you're overdue. Don't send it to the Coast Guard; their role begins only when your contact reports you overdue.

## 1. Boat & gear

Vessel name & registration / documentation no. \_\_\_\_\_

Make, model & length \_\_\_\_\_

Hull & topside color · distinctive features (hardtop, tower, outriggers, canvas) \_\_\_\_\_

Engines — type & how many \_\_\_\_\_

Fuel type · tank capacity · usable fuel aboard at departure \_\_\_\_\_

Home port / where the boat is normally kept \_\_\_\_\_

Safety gear — life jackets (how many), EPIRB or PLB, raft, flares, first aid \_\_\_\_\_

Comms — VHF channels monitored, cell numbers, satellite messenger, MMSI \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. People aboard

Number of people aboard \_\_\_\_\_

Each person's name & a contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions worth flagging in advance \_\_\_\_\_

Tow vehicle & trailer — description and where parked \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Route & times

Departure point — ramp, marina, or dock \_\_\_\_\_

Destination & intended route — key waypoints, reefs, or spots \_\_\_\_\_

Departure — date & time \_\_\_\_\_

Expected return — date & time \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT BACK BY — raise the alarm after (date & time)** \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate plans or stops if the weather turns \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. If we're not back — instructions for the holder

First, try to reach us at \_\_\_\_\_

Still nothing by \_\_\_\_\_ — call the Coast Guard / local marine authority at \_\_\_\_\_

and read them this plan. Can't get through? Call 911, say you're reporting an overdue boat, and read them this plan.

We'll check in when we depart, when we arrive, and when we turn for home. Silence past the deadline means act — don't wait to spare us the embarrassment. A false alarm is cheap; a late one is not. When we're back, we'll tell you, and this plan is closed.