



TOWING & SALVAGE
If You're Aground, I'm Around

Float Plan

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this plan before you go boating and leave it with a reliable person who can be depended upon to notify the Coast Guard, or other rescue organization, should you not return or check-in as planned. If you have a change of plans after leaving, be sure to notify the person holding your Float Plan. For additional copies of this plan, visit www.melinosmarineservices.com.

Do NOT file this plan with the U.S. Coast Guard

VESSEL

IDENTIFICATION:

Name & Hailing Port _____
 Document / Registration No. _____ HIN _____
 Year & Make _____
 Length _____ Type _____ Draft _____ Hull Mat. _____
 Color _____
 Prominent Features _____

PROPULSION:

Primary Type _____ No. Eng. _____ Fuel Capacity _____
 Aux. Type _____ No. Eng. _____ Fuel Capacity _____

COMMUNICATION:

Radio Call Sign _____
 DSC MMSI No. _____
 Radio-1: Type _____ Ch./Freq. Monitored _____
 Radio-2: Type _____ Ch./Freq. Monitored _____
 Cell / Satellite No. _____
 E-mail _____

NAVIGATION: (check all on board)

Maps Charts Compass GPS/DGPS
 Radar Sounder _____

SAFETY & SURVIVAL

VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS:

Electric SOS light
 Orange Flag
 Orange Smoke
 Red Flares

AUDIBLE DISTRESS SIGNALS:

Bell
 Horn / Siren
 Whistle

OTHER GEAR:

Drogue/Sea Anchor Life Raft/Dinghy
 EPIRB Personal Locator Beacon
 Fire Extinguisher Signal Mirror
 Flashlight / Searchlight _____
 Food & Water for ___ days _____
 Foul Weather Gear _____

PFDs: (Do not count Type IV devices)

_____ Quantity On Board

GROUND TACKLE:

Anchor: Line Length _____

PERSONS ONBOARD

OPERATOR:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Vehicle (year, make, model) _____
 Trailer will be parked at _____

Age _____ Gender _____ Notes (Special medical condition, can't swim, etc.): _____

Has experience with this Vessel with Area

Home phone _____

Vehicle License No. _____

Trailer License No. _____

PASSENGERS / CREW:

Name & Addresses

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____

Age _____ Gender _____ Notes (Special medical condition, can't swim, etc.): _____

Attach "Supplemental Passenger List" if additional passengers or crew on board.

ITINERARY

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION / WAYPOINT	MODE OF TRAVEL	REASON FOR STOP	CHECK-IN TIME
DEPART						
ARRIVE						
DEPART						
ARRIVE						
DEPART						
ARRIVE						
DEPART						
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DEPART						
ARRIVE						

Attach "Supplemental Itinerary" if there are additional locations or waypoints.

Contact 1: _____

Phone Number _____

Contact 2.: _____

Phone Number _____

If you have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of any persons on board the Vessel described above who have not returned or checked-in in a reasonable amount of time, then follow the step-by-step instructions on page 2 of this float plan, or on the internet at: www.melinosmarineservices.com/floatplan



Step-by-Step Instructions for Boating Emergencies

STEP 1: Do you have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of any persons who have not returned or checked-in in a reasonable amount of time?

If YES, then continue with Step 2, otherwise **STOP**, no further action is required.

STEP 2: Were you given a prepared FLOAT PLAN by anyone of board the vessel?

If YES, then continue with STEP 3, otherwise, go to STEP 5.

STEP 3: On the Float Plan, locate the two Contact lines at the bottom of the page. Call Contact number 1.

If Contact #1 answers, then:

Take notes during your conversation.

1. Let the person know you are responding to a late return or check-in by the individuals designated on the Float Plan.

2. Determine if the person you are talking to, or anyone else at that location, has recently had contact with anyone on the vessel, and when and where that contact occurred.

3. Are you still concerned about the safety or welfare of any persons on board the vessel?

If Yes, continue to Step 4.

If No, **STOP**. No further action is required.

If Contact Number 1 does not answer, go to STEP 4.

STEP 4: Call Contact Number 2.

If Contact #2 answers, then:

Take notes during your conversation.

1. Let the person know you are responding to a late return or check-in by the individuals designated on the Float Plan.

2. Determine if the person you are talking to, or anyone else at that location, has recently had contact with anyone on the vessel, and when and where that contact occurred.

3. Are you still concerned about the safety or welfare of any persons on board the vessel?

If Yes, continue to Step 6.

If No, **STOP**. No further action is required.

If Contact Number 2 does not answer, go to STEP 6.

STEP 5: Take a moment to jot down the facts you know about each item in the checklist below.

DO NOT SPECULATE. Speculation about a detail may mislead Search and Rescue personnel, add to the overall search and rescue time and adversely affect the outcome.

- Period of time the vessel has been overdue.
- Purpose of the trip or voyage.
- Description of the Vessel (type, size, color, features, etc.)
- Vessel's departure point and destination.
- Places the Vessel planned to stop during transit.
- Navigation equipment on board (such as GPS, Loran C, Radar, Compass, Sounder, etc.)
- Number of people aboard the Vessel as well as personal habits, e.g., dependability, reliability, etc.
- Was the Vessel already moored, or did a vehicle tow it to the launch point?
- License plate number and description of the tow vehicle and/or passenger transport vehicle.
- Communications equipment aboard, including type of radio and frequencies monitored, cellular or satellite telephone numbers of individuals, etc.
- Additional points of contact along the Vessel's planned route.
- Were there any pending commitments, e.g., work, appointments, etc.?

Continue to STEP 6.

STEP 6:

1. Contact your local law enforcement agency (Police or Sheriff).
2. Let the dispatcher know that you are responding to a late return or check-in by the persons on board the vessel.
3. The dispatcher will instruct you from there.

NOTE: The dispatcher will provide you with the necessary contact or agency connection to get a search and rescue mission started. This is usually handled this way because it puts you closest to the agency conducting the actual search and rescue, eliminating an unnecessary middleman.

If the dispatcher would like a follow-up call from you on the outcome of the rescue, they will let you know.

4. Continue with Step 7.

STEP 7: Be patient and keep the telephone available so emergency personnel can contact you with additional information and/or questions concerning the search and rescue effort.

STEP 8: If you want to do more, call and hire Melino's Marine Services to assist the USCG with the search and rescue. 808-754-2602.