

## **Section 1.1: STAYING WITHIN THE CHANNEL**

Channel markers (illustration 1.1) are navigation aids mark the edges of safe water areas; for example, directing travel within a channel. The markers use a combination of colors and numbers, which may appear on either buoys or permanently placed markers. ... Red and green colors and/or lights indicate the preferred (primary) channel. Be sure to stay within channel markers when operating at a speeds higher than no-wake (5-7mph). When navigating outside of the channel, speed must be no-wake (5-7mph).

### **US-Aids-to-Navigation-System-ATON**

illustration 1.1

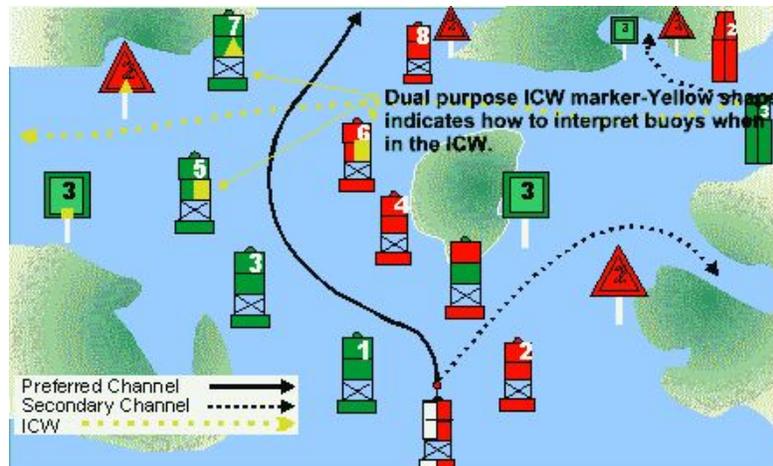
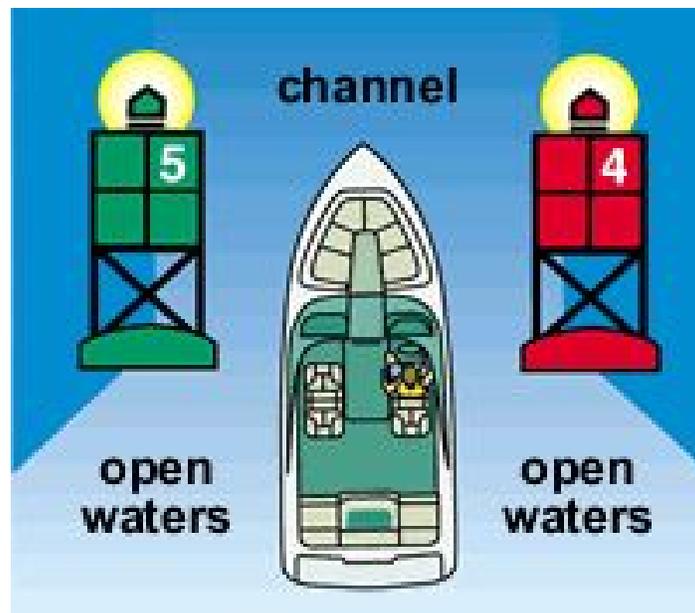


Illustration 1.2



**Risks associated with navigating outside of channel markers include but are not limited to the following.**

- Running aground which may result in injury
- Running aground which may result in damage to vessel
- Sustaining propeller damage
- May require towing

***NOTE: Renter is responsible for all costs associated with towing and/or damages***

## **Section 2.1: OBSERVING “NO WAKE” ZONES**

“Idle Speed, **No Wake**” Zone: A designated area where vessels must be operated at a speed **no** greater than that which is necessary to maintain steerage and headway. The vessel should not produce a **wake** at this speed.

### **Tips for Navigating No-Wake Zones**



#### **Risks associated with violating no-wake zones**

- Loss of boat rental deposit
- Loss of renting privileges from Summer Breeze Boat Rental
- Ticket and fine from Florida Fish and Wildlife Division, US Coast Guard or other agency.

***NOTE: Renter is responsible for all tickets and fines they receive while operating vessel***

### **Section 3.1: MECHANICAL ISSUES & TOWING ASSISTANCE**

In the event that a boat becomes disabled, ensure that the vessel is anchored or docked to avoid drifting. Call Summer Breeze Boat Rental right away. Our boats have towing coverage through Sea Tow and we will make arrangements to tow the boat if necessary. A customer will be responsible for towing fees if the boat becomes disabled due to negligence or lack of proper navigation. Summer Breeze Boat Rental will assume responsibility for towing fees if there is a mechanical failure that is not due to customer negligence or lack of proper navigation. Towing fee responsibility will be determined after inspection of the vessel and circumstances that caused mechanical failure to determine responsibility.



## **Section 4.1: BEACHING AND DOCKING**

We encourage renters to feel free to gently beach our boats so long as it doesn't result in a boat becoming disabled. Please adhere to the following rules when beaching or docking a boat.

### **Beaching**

- Boats must be beached gently at no-wake speed (5-7mph). Beach the boat just enough to keep it from floating away.
- Employ anchor to keep the boat from drifting if necessary
- Check the boat every 10-15 minutes to ensure that the boat can still be moved off the beach without becoming disabled. If the tide is going out, the water level will be lower when you go to move it. A customer will be responsible for towing if the boat is unable to navigate off the beach.
- If renting a propeller boat (Sea Ray), make sure the trip (propeller) is all the way up when the boat is beached. Be sure to lower the propeller once clear of the beach to resume normal operation.
- When leaving a beach, make sure the boat is clear of the sand and that you can navigate freely.
- Do not use the boat propeller or jet engine to get yourself off the beach. Push the boat off the beach and only operate the motor once the boat is free of the sand and in an adequate water depth (4-5 feet minimum)

### **Docking**

- Do not dock at St. Augustine City Marina. They have a special radio protocol to request docking and guests are forbidden from docking at St. Augustine City Marina.
- When docking at other locations, be sure to dock the boat gently and secure the bow and stern using the attached dock ropes.
- Take the key with you when you leave the boat and keep the key with you at all times. Do not leave the key in the engine when leaving our boats at a dock location.

## **Section 5.1: NAVIGATION BOUNDARIES**

Our boats are permitted in the San Sebastian River and the Intercoastal Waterway. Customers are forbidden from taking our boats out of the inlet and into the ocean. Inlets should be avoided and boats are not to be navigated out of the Intercoastal Waterway. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a loss of rental deposit. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Don't Lose Your  
**Security Deposit**



## **Section 6.1: MISC RULES**

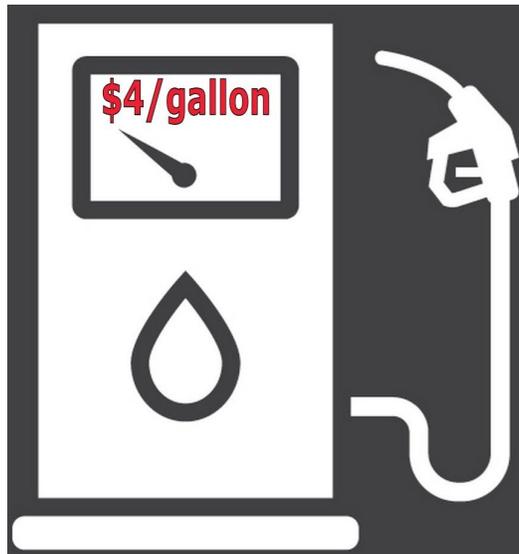
- Children under 6 years of age must wear a personal flotation device at all times. Summer Breeze Boat Rental will provide PFD for any children that require one.
- Guests are responsible for removing all items and trash after rental completion.
- Failure to return rental on time may result in additional fees. Summer Breeze Boat Rental reserves the right to charge \$160/hour starting 5 minutes past the scheduled rental end time. Better to be 5 minutes early than 5 minutes late. Please be courteous and return all rentals on time so that we may prepare them for the next customer.
- We do not issue credit due to inclement weather.
- The only person that may pilot the boat is the person who signed the rental agreement. No other passengers may pilot the boat.
- Customer is responsible for all fuel costs.
- Customer is responsible for towing and/or repair costs if they are found to be negligent or otherwise responsible.

***NOTE: Failure to comply with any of these rules may result in loss of rental security deposit.***



## **Section 7.1: FUEL CONSUMPTION**

Our boats hold between 26 - 30 gallons of fuel. The average fuel cost for a four hour rental is between \$50-\$60. Fuel consumption is based on factors such as hours of use, number of passengers and water conditions. Customers pay for all fuel consumed during rental. We charge \$4 per gallon and this is deducted from the rental deposit prior to returning the balance assuming there are no additional fees such as repairs or towing.



## **Section 8.1: ONBOARD EQUIPMENT**

**Our boats are all equipped with the following safety equipment**

- Personal flotation device for each passenger
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit
- VHF radio
- Anchor
- GPS depth finder

