

# Tritoon Boat Rental Business Safety Plan

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Business Name: Pro Holdings, LLC. DBA Lake Pro's

Location: Lake Ozarks, MO

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## 1. Purpose

This safety plan outlines procedures to ensure the safety of customers, employees, and the general public in the operation of a tritoon boat rental business in Missouri. It complies with applicable federal and Missouri state laws, including U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and Missouri State Highway Patrol – Water Patrol Division regulations.

## 2. Risk Assessment

Key risks include:

- Drowning or injury due to falls overboard
- Collisions with other vessels or fixed objects
- Capsizing due to overloading or reckless maneuvering
- Inclement weather conditions
- Mechanical failure
- Inadequate operator knowledge or impairment

## 3. Boat Operator and Customer Screening

- Renters must be at least 25 years old.
- Operators born after January 1, 1984, must present a valid Missouri Boater Education Card.
- Verification: Government-issued photo ID and Boater Safety Certificate (if applicable).

## 4. Safety Equipment on All Tritoon Vessels

Each tritoon boat will be equipped with:

- USCG-approved life jackets for all passengers
- Child-sized life jackets (if applicable)
- Throwable flotation device
- Fire extinguisher
- Sound signaling device (horn or whistle)
- Anchor with adequate line

- First aid kit
- Emergency contact card
- Paddle or oar

## **5. Pre-Rental Safety Orientation**

A mandatory safety briefing will cover:

- Starting, docking, and operating a tritoon boat
- Weight distribution and passenger movement safety
- Navigation rules and restricted zones
- Use of safety equipment
- Emergency procedures
- Weather awareness
- Drug/alcohol policy

All customers must sign a waiver.

## **6. Weather Monitoring**

Weather will be continuously monitored via NOAA and local alerts. Rentals will be suspended during thunderstorms, high winds, or poor visibility. Tritoon boats will not be rented if wind speeds exceed 15–20 mph.

## **7. Staff Training and Emergency Preparedness**

All staff will be trained in:

- First aid and CPR
- Boating safety and emergency response
- Fire extinguisher use and engine kill switch procedures

Regular emergency drills will be conducted.

## **8. Equipment Maintenance and Inspection**

Each tritoon will undergo a daily inspection covering:

- Engine function and throttle response
- Fuel levels and leaks
- Lights, horn, and battery condition
- Life jacket count and condition
- Log of all inspections and maintenance will be maintained.

## **9. Alcohol and Drug Policy**

Operation under the influence is strictly prohibited. Rentals will be denied to visibly impaired individuals. The policy is included in rental agreements and emphasized during the safety briefing.

## **10. Incident Reporting and Response**

All incidents must be reported to the Missouri State Highway Patrol (if applicable) and internally documented. Reports will include time, location, nature of incident, and any follow-up actions taken.

## **11. Signage and Warnings**

Each tritoon vessel and dock will display:

- Life jacket usage signs
- Navigation hazard warnings
- Alcohol and drug policy signs
- Emergency contact information

## **12. Insurance and Liability**

The business carries comprehensive liability and property insurance. Customers must sign a release of liability and acknowledge understanding of rental terms and risks.

## **13. Compliance**

Business operations adhere to:

- Missouri State Boating Laws (Chapter 306 RSMo)
- U.S. Coast Guard regulations for recreational vessels
- Local lake or river authority rules (e.g., Lake of the Ozarks)

## **14. Health Considerations (Optional)**

Equipment, life jackets, and high-contact surfaces will be disinfected after each use. Optional distancing and indoor mask policies may be applied based on local guidance.

## **15. Review and Updates**

This safety plan will be reviewed annually and updated in response to regulatory changes or operational needs.

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