

1st STOP CHECKLIST: WATERCRAFT EXCURSIONS

REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

- [] There are no special state-level licenses required for watercraft excursions. ****Remember to check local government agencies****
- [] For watercraft registration and equipment requirements, contact the **Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Watercraft** at (877) 426-2837 or (614) 265-6480. Information and forms are also available on-line at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/2062/Default.aspx>. ****Remember to check local government agencies****
- [] If you will provide a ferry service, contact the Court of Common Pleas in the county in which the body of water is located for licensing information. ****Remember to check local government agencies****
- [] If you will operate fishing charters on **Lake Erie**, contact the **U.S. Coast Guard** at (419) 418-6010 and the **Division of Wildlife** in Sandusky at (419) 625-8062 for licensing information or online at <http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/lakeerie> .
- [] Retail sales, equipment rental, beverages, and food eaten on the premises of your business are taxable. You must have a **VENDOR'S LICENSE**. Contact **YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR** or If you have questions about sales tax, contact the **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION** at (888) 405-4039 for **Business Tax Assistance**; 888-405-4089 for Tax Registration; or (800) 282-1782 for the **Forms Request Line**. Information is also on-line at <http://business.ohio.gov> or <http://tax.ohio.gov>. ****Remember to check local government agencies****
- [] If you will serve food, through a **restaurant or concession stand**, contact **your local health department** for licensing and inspection information. ****Remember to check local government agencies****
- [] If you will sell **alcohol**, you must have the appropriate permit. Contact the **Ohio Department of Liquor Control** at (614) 644-2360 for more information. Information is also on-line at <http://www.com.ohio.gov/liqr/>. ****Remember to check local government agencies****
- [] If you will feature recorded **music**, you must have permission from the owner of the copyrighted material. You can do this by contacting **ASCAP** or **BMI**. For more information, contact **ASCAP** at (212) 621-6000 (www.ascap.com) or **BMI** at (212) 220-3000 at (www.bmi.com). ****Remember to check local government agencies****

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

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THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.

