

WATERCRAFT EXCURSIONS / WATERCRAFT SALES & REPAIR

Checklist

- There are no special state-level licenses required for watercraft excursions.
- 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>.
- 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.
- 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. Information is also available 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 the OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION. Information is also on-line at <http://business.ohio.gov> or <http://tax.ohio.gov>.
- If you will serve food through a restaurant or concession stand, contact your local health department for licensing and inspection information.
- If you will sell alcohol, you must have the appropriate permit. Contact the Ohio Department of Liquor Control at (614) 644-2360. Information is also on-line at <http://www.com.ohio.gov/liqr/>.
- If you will feature recorded music, you must have permission from the owner of the copyrighted material. Contact ASCAP at (212) 621-6000 (www.ascap.com) or BMI at (212) 220-3000 (www.bmi.com).
- For more information, consult the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 4585.01. The ORC can be found on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4585>.
- The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) regulates the sale of watercraft. Contact the Division of Watercraft at (877) 426-2837 or (614) 265-6480 for regulations and bonding requirements. Information and forms are also available on-line at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/2062/Default.aspx>.
- The sale and repair of watercraft are subject to sales tax. You must have a VENDOR'S LICENSE. Contact YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR or the OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION.
- 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://tax.ohio.gov>.

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at www.ohiosbdc.net. Also, remember to check Federal, State and local government agencies. This checklist is about state requirements. Funded in part through a grant with the U.S. Small Business Administration.



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- Contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for information about the proper disposal of hazardous and solid waste. The EPA can be reached at (614) 644-2917 or (800) 329-7518. Information is also on-line at www.epa.state.oh.us.
- Repairs are regulated through the Ohio Repairs and Services Rule. Contact the Attorney General's Office at (800) 282-0515 or (614) 466-4320. Information is also on-line at <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Business/Services-for-Business/Business-Guide/Repairs-and-Services>.

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