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.