USMS Open Water Guide to Operations

Part 2: Open Water Safety Guidelines

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**Addendum C: Boat Operator Checklist**

The following safety considerations and checklist should be followed for all boat operators who are in support of USMS sanctioned open water swims. Please have one checklist completed for EACH motorized watercraft. The event director should keep it on file for one year following completion of the practice or event.

## Basic Information

Name of Event: Click to enter event name. Sanction Number: Enter sanction#

Event Location: Click to enter location.

Event Dates: Start Date through End Date

Event Director: Event director name Phone: 000-000-0000 E-mail: Click to enter e-mail address

Boat Operator: Boat operator name. Phone: 000-000-0000 E-mail: Click to enter e-mail address

Swimmer Monitor: Swim monitor name Phone: 000-000-0000 E-mail: Click to enter e-mail address

## Checklist Items

1. Describe the watercraft
2. Did the boat operator provide a proof of insurance for the boat?
3. Is the boat owned and operated by or on behalf of Coast Guard, police, fire and rescue, or other government agencies?
4. Did the boat have a propeller guard?
5. Was the boat at anchor from start to finish of the event with engine(s) off, while swimmers were in the water?
6. Did the boat operator attend the pre-race or pre-practice meeting?
7. Did the boat have a dedicated swimmer monitor on board?
8. Did the swimmer monitor attend the pre-race or pre-practice meeting?
9. Are the boat operator and swimmer monitor aware of all restricted zones within the race area?
10. Did the boat operator and swimmer monitor agree not to participate in the swim?
11. Was there two-way radio communication between the boat operator and the event director?
12. Did the boat have life jackets for everyone on the boat?
13. Did the boat have first aid supplies on board?