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3-3007 Operation of Boats

This regulation applies to the operation of any boat purchased from State funds or any boat acquired by other methods but which is operated and maintained by NCF. This regulation also applies to any boat not owned by NCF but operated in part or wholly with State funds, and used for official NCF business.

- (1) Boats for Official New College of Florida Business
 - (a) Such boats will be operated only by staff so designated in writing by the administrative official having the responsibility for their supervision.
 - (b) Staff so designated will be fully aware of the liability, current operating and safety requirements of the law. Such requirements will be complied with during all operations. Any operation will be conducted with the awareness of the staff member's immediate superior.
 - (c) Boats owned and operated by the College are to be used for specific purposes and must not be utilized for any other use without written authority.
 - (d) Such boats are to be considered as registered vehicles of the College and will be afforded the same safe stowage applying to such vehicles.
 - (e) Workers' compensation coverage will only apply during authorized use of boats.
 - (f) Boats may only be operated by employees or registered volunteers of NCF, with specific position descriptions describing such operation.
 - (g) Boats may only be operated by individuals who have the appropriate license, training and certifications to operate any given vessel, and must have all appropriate safety gear and equipment on-board and operational by law.
 - (h) State liability insurance will not provide liability coverage to anyone operating a vessel outside of course and scope of their employment.
- (2) Boats used in the Student Activities Program
 - (a) Boats may be used only during daylight hours unless written permission is received from the College's administration.
 - (b) Boats must have safety equipment as specified and required by law.
 - (c) Boats must always have at least one experienced and qualified operator aboard.
 - (d) Boats may not be used when small craft warnings are in effect.
 - (e) The Dean of Students is responsible for this program and persons using boats must follow the specific rules and regulations as established by the department.

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(f) All individuals operating boats as part of the Student Activities program assume personal liability for the operation of the vessel for damage to other property and or persons as this is considered outside the course and scope of the State's liability program.

Authority: Article IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution; Fla. Board of Governors Regulation 1.001

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