



Ski Boat/Fish 'N Ski Equipment Details & Towing

Ski Boat Statistics

- Package less than 3500# GVRW
- 18' or 19' length
- 8 person max capacity

Fish 'N Ski boat statistics

- Package less than 2200# GVRW
- 17' length

Trailer - all boats come on trailers and are equipped as follows:

- 2" coupler ball
- Flat-four wire harness
- Lock and key for coupler

* Spare tire on Trailer - In the event of a flat tire on the trailer, we supply a spare tires but not a jack or tire iron. It is the renter's responsibility to change it. ** Also see the "Show up ready to hook up" section below.

Standard equipment

- 8 life jackets
- 2 mooring ropes
- 1 Paddle
- 2 fenders
- 1 anchor with rope
- Fire extinguisher

*** It is the renter's responsibility to ensure their vehicle is safely capable of towing the boat.

Policy Details

- **Deposit** - \$100 deposit is required to reserve a boat or personal watercraft. We need a major credit card to reserve the boat (Visa, M/C).
- **Damage Deposits and Liability** - We authorize \$750 per machine on a credit card (We don't recommend using a debit card because this transaction places a hold on the money for 10 days). *The person's credit card used for the damage deposit will be responsible for all damages.* The cardholder will be required to sign all forms associated with renting the boat. This can be done over the phone and mail; however, you will relinquish the option of personally viewing any existing damage. The cardholder is fully liable for all physical damage that occurs while the machine is in their possession.
- **Cancellations** - Customer will forfeit the \$100 deposit if cancellation occurs within 30 days of the pick up date. In this event a \$100 credit will be issued for use on any rental for the remainder of the season. If cancelled within 10 days of pick up date, you will be responsible for 50% of the total rental price. If cancelled within 3 days of departure date, you will be responsible for 100% of the rental.
- **Weather Cancellations** - If the weather is inclement, the reservation may be cancelled. (Both parties must agree on what defines inclement weather on the day of the rental.) In this event a \$100 credit will be issued for use on any rental for the remainder of the season. Weather cancellations will not be accepted for rentals of 3 days or more.
- **Show up ready to hook up** - to the boat with a 2" ball receiver and pin. We can change ball sizes for a minimal charge of \$20. All trailers are equipped with a standard flat 4-prong wire harness. We do have receivers and trailer balls available for purchase but it is advised you call ahead to ensure we have your size in stock.
- **Orientation** - We do our very best to give you a "how-to" orientation and offer as much knowledge as possible to avoid damages. We strongly recommend having as many of the drivers present during this orientation. Our experience is the majority of damage occurs with a driver who was not present and didn't listen to our suggestions.
- **Insurance** - There is not an insurance policy available to me to offer you. You may check with your own insurance company for other options.
- **Late Returns** - You will be subject to a minimum of \$100 for late returns. Be conscious of weather and traffic conditions on travel days. This policy is to protect the next renter - especially in the event of a short turnaround between renters. If you are returning from a long distance, feel free to contact us the day before your return, to check on when the boat is going out on rent - we can sometimes allow for extra commute time.
- **It's not my Fault** - There are, of course, damages/problems that occur that are not the fault of the renter. **If there is ANY problem with the boat CALL US IMMEDIATELY** so we can fix the problem. If you are out of town and there is a small problem that can be fixed for less than \$150, we might have you bring it to a local shop for repair and reimburse you at the end of the rental. If there are any performance issues with the boat we request that you inform us as quickly as possible so we are aware of the problem and might be able to suggest a solution.
- **Travel** - We have no problem if you take the boat to a neighboring state, however, if rental is being taken to another state, it is the renters' responsibility to know and abide by that particular states laws regarding use of boats and/or PWCs as well as travel/towing.
- **Who can Drive?** - For the most current Minnesota state laws and regulations on operating a boat go the following web site:
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/boatwater/index.html>
- **Safety Tips** - There are a lot of good websites you can visit for how-to and safety information.
 - <http://www.discoverboating.com/beginner/safety.asp>
 - <http://www.boater101.com/>

Standard damage charges for Boats

- Prop Rebuild - \$95 (Prop rebuild is \$80 plus \$15 for wear/damage to gears in Lower Unit)
- Prop Replacement - \$195 (Prop replacement is \$145 plus \$50 for wear/damage to gears in Lower Unit)
- Skeg (the lowest part of the drive) Rebuild - \$185
- Damage to fiberglass that can be buffed out - charges start at \$50 *
- Damage to gel coat/fiberglass boats - Charges start at \$100
- Damaged decals - starting at \$20 per location (i.e. if you scratch two separate
- Blown light bulbs (due to not unplugging trailer lights) - \$10
- \$50/ hr for cleaning, if boat is returned with excessive "dirt" *

Standard damage charges for Personal Watercraft

- Small "dings" on Sea Doo impellers - \$100 *
- Replacement of Sea Doo impeller - \$425

- Scratches through the gel coat on all fiberglass boats – Charges start at \$100 *
- Scratches on fiberglass that can be buffed out – charges start at \$50 *
- Damaged decals – full replacement cost of sticker plus \$25
- \$50/ hr for cleaning, if boat is returned with excessive “dirt”

* Final decision on all subjective damage charges will be made by Foster Bros. Marine.

When Launching the boat

- Always disconnect trailer lights before backing boat into water (you WILL blow the trailer lights if you don't)
- Prep boat before you get down to the water - most launch ramps provide an area for you to do this. Your fellow boaters will appreciate this.
- Make sure boat plug is in and securely tightened.
- Leave winch strap and safety chain connected until the boat is safely over the water.
- If courtesy dock is provided, float the boat off trailer and hold boat by dock. If no dock is provided, start engine while still on the trailer, then manually push boat off before engaging prop. Make sure you are in deep enough water before engaging prop.
- When starting boat
 - Make sure lower unit is completely submerged in water
 - Put boat in neutral
 - Turn blower on
 - Turn key then pump throttle

General boating information to know

- Most current Minnesota state law - <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/boatwater/index.html>
- Whenever possible, do NOT tie the boat to a dock. However, if this is necessary use the provided fenders and mooring ropes to avoid the boat rubbing on the dock. Tie the boat up on the side of the dock that allows the waves to push the boat away from the dock. You are responsible for dock scratches and damage.
- Do NOT tie the boat up next to tires.
- Trim the motor/lower unit up when pulling up to shore. Don't trim lower unit back down until a safe distance from shore and in at least 4 feet of water. However, the lower unit must always be IN some water when running.
- While operating any boat you MUST stay 150 feet away from ANYTHING on the water if you are moving faster than an idle. IT'S THE LAW!
- Always shut motor completely OFF when boarding and exiting the rear of the boat – IT'S THE LAW!
- When wakeboard and/or skis are not in use make sure they are secured in the boat.
- When towing a person, be sure to be a safe distance from other boats docks and floating debris.
- Never follow another boat that is towing a person.
- Never leave rope in water when switching persons, other boaters may get too close to you and run over the rope.
- As a “rule of thumb” the person to the right of you has the right-of-way
- Be aware of weather conditions – take appropriate precautions. (I.e. never stay out on water in a lightening storm.)
- For hints on using water sport equipment please ask. We are self-proclaimed experts at everything.

Specifically for Sea Doo rentals – in addition to above information

- NEVER tie the craft up to a dock. You WILL damage the watercraft!
- While operating a Sea Doo you MUST stay 200 feet away from ANYTHING on the water if you are moving faster than an idle. IT'S THE LAW!
- Pulling any towables with the Sea Doo is against Foster Bros. Marine policy.
- Sea Doo can only be operated from 9 am until 1 hour before sunset.

When landing the boat on trailer

- Don't drive the boat onto the trailer unless you are experienced - use a mooring rope and pull up to the winch strap.
- Secure Safety chain after cranking boat all the way onto trailer before pulling away from water.
- Remove all weeds from trailer before transporting.
- After pulling the boat out of the water, reconnect the trailer lights.
- Make sure all boat accessories are turned off.
- Once on flat ground, double-check to make sure the boat is winched completely up on the trailer and tightly fastened to the bow stop.
- Secure all accessories, life jackets and other loose items in the boat before traveling.

If taking overnight

- Always remove boat from the lake at night - NEVER leave boat tied up to a dock overnight in case of storm.
- Secure accessories and equipment inside or keep locked up overnight.
- Always remove keys from boat

Liability Waiver

Knowingly and at my own risk, I hereby release Foster Bros. Marine Corp. and its owners, agents, employees and representatives from any responsibility for any injuries or damages I may suffer as a result of my use of any item rented from Foster Bros. Marine Corp. including but not limited to boat, personal watercraft, motor, trailer, marine equipment. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Foster Bros. Marine Corp. and its owners, agents, employees and representatives from any claims for injuries or damages brought by a third party relating to my use of any item rented from Foster Bros. Marine Corp. I also certify that I will abide by the state laws regarding eligibility for driving and operating the rental unit. I have not been convicted of any crime, other than a misdemeanor, within the past 5 years.

Signature * _____ Date _____

Drivers License Number _____

* I have read and fully understand the renter guidelines and Equipment check list, Damages, Charges and Waiver Agreement.