

KML Self-Captained Vessel Policies

1. KML Self Captained Vessel Check-Out Form – SEE DOCUMENT
2. KML Self Captained Vessel Agreement – SEE DOCUMENT
3. All potential boat operators in a group must have acceptable **Boater Safety Certification** on file with KML a minimum of *14 days* before arrival.
4. Boat operation and “checkout cruise” for all potential boat operators must be scheduled with KML staff prior to scheduled use.

Boater Safety Certification Websites:

- a. **Online Coast Guard Course**
<http://www.boatingcertificate.com/Florida/studymaterial.aspx>
- b. **Florida Boating Course**
<http://www.stateofflorida.com/Portal/DesktopForm.aspx>

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Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Boater Education Course <https://floridakeys.noaa.gov/>

<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/news/apr19/florida-keys-national-marine-sanctuary-boater-education-course.html>

5. A **KML Float Plan** will be filed in the front office prior to each day of intended use. KML staff will be notified upon safe return to dock each day. If returning after normal business hours or operating the KML vessel on weekends, pre-designated KML staff will be contacted upon safe return to dock.
6. Operators and occupants of KML vessels **are required to wear** Coast Guard approved PFDs during operation of KML vessel, including boarding and leaving any vessel. Wearing PFDs is optional while vessel is anchored and motor is turned off.
7. **KML staff reserve the right to final say (“go/no-go”) depending on weather conditions**

KML Vessel Boundaries (see maps):

13' Whaler (capacity 2 snorkelers or 2 divers - 1 tank each)

Approximately 3-mile radius from KML

Bayside use only

West to Old Sweat Bank

North to LONF1 buoy

East to KOA camp ground

18' Parker (capacity boat tender plus 4 snorkelers or 2 divers – 2 tanks each)

Approximately 7-mile radius from KML

Bayside

West to Channel Key Bank

North to Yacht Channel

East to Bow Leg Cut

Oceanside

West to Long Key Bridge west end, 11' Mound

South to Tennessee Reef Light

East to Red Can #18, Coral Gardens/Caloosa Rocks