

FORMAL CONSENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

Date: _____

I _____, recognize and agree that I am personally responsible for any and all damages incurred through actions of my own and through the actions of any and all members of my party, and will be held responsible until all issues are resolved. Damages include any stains, tears, dents or scratches to any part of the vessel. The security deposit initially collected, less damages, will then be refunded with a full accounting statement of the damages incurred. Any damages greater than the deposit taken are expected to be paid in full within 24 hours of the time the boat has been reported damaged by the party or an OHM employee. Failure to pay this amount within the stated period will result in the collection of supplemental charges including any and all legal fees which I agree to pay.

Boating Boundaries and Speed: STAY IN THE POND. These boats are not equipped to operate in open seas. All boats are confined to the bound of Ninigret Pond.

Collisions: Be mindful of other boaters on the pond. Keep a watchful eye on your surroundings and the direction others are proceeding. Your biggest hazard is a collision with another watercraft. Use appropriate safety signals when navigation.

Docking: Proceed slowly when navigating in and out of the docks, taking note of the "No Wake Zone." Watch for other boats entering and leaving the fuel dock area as it may be busy. Please wait in the open water if it appears to be crowded. You will not be penalized. Employees will be standing by to help you.

Drinking and Driving: Like with driving, the same rules pertain to operating a boat. The legal BAC in RI is 0.08. Ocean House Marina is not responsible for anyone apprehended due to intoxication.

Gas: The first tank of fuel is on us. If a full tank of fuel is consumed, it is up to you to refill it with whatever amount you think you will use again. Do not run the boat to empty.

Late fees: For every 15 minutes the boat is beyond 4:30 PM, a \$50 late fee will be accrued and taken from your security deposit.

Operating the Boat: PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE SURE THE MOTOR IS IN THE WATER BEFORE STARTING IT. The motor won't start unless it is in neutral. The safety clip should be attached or an alarm will sound. Make sure all passengers are safely aboard and the swim ladder is up. Do not go at a faster speed than you are comfortable with.

Overloading/Weight distribution: All captains are responsible for making sure passengers are distributed evenly among the space on the boat to avoid swamping from the bow or stern. DO NOT allow more passengers on the boat than the number stated by any OHM employee, USCG official or local Harbormaster.

Personal Property: You are responsible for any and all belongings taken out on your rental. There will be no reimbursement for any property lost overboard, left on the beach or damaged by the water. Storage areas on boats aren't guaranteed waterproof.

Propeller Damage: Rocks, sand and eel grass all pose as potential threats to the overall condition of the prop. Take notice of the condition prior to leaving the dock. All props will be inspected upon the completion of your rental. Any damage will be assessed and taken accordingly from your safety deposit. Replacement propellers may run up to \$250. TAKE NOTICE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS WHILE OPERATING THE BOAT.

Safety Equipment: Do not tamper or play with any of the safety equipment on board the vessel unless an emergency arises. All rental boats are equipped with USCGA approved safety devices. ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 13 MUST WEAR AN APPROVED USCGA LIFE JACKET WHILE THE BOAT IS UNDERWAY.

Tide Changes: DO NOT RUN THE BOAT AGROUND. Leave yourself at least a foot of water to anticipate for the daily tide changes within the pond. This includes trimming the motor up.

Trash: Do not leave your trash on any boat upon your return to the docks. There are various trash barrels and dumpsters on the property to dispose all trash. Please recycle.

THANK YOU