



Fishing Charters/Water Taxi/Motorboat Tours/SCUBA Diving – Specific CUA Conditions

The Holder and employees registered under this Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) will provide Fishing Charters, Water Taxi Service, Motorboat Tours, and/or Guided SCUBA Diving Tours in accordance with the following conditions:

1. When providing Fishing Charters and Motorboat Tours, the Holder, or registered employees of the business, will maintain a continuous presence with clients from the time of departure at the launch ramp/dock/marina until the moment of return to the launch ramp/dock/marina.
2. When providing Water Taxi Service, the Holder, or registered employees of the business, will maintain a continuous presence with clients during boat transportation to and from island locations. Water Taxi Service involves only the transportation of clients from a launch ramp/dock/marina to an island, and return.
3. When providing Guided SCUBA Diving Tours, the Holder, or registered employees of the business, will maintain a continuous presence with the clients from departing the launch ramp/dock/marina until the moment of return to the launch ramp/dock/marina. Once at the dive site, presence is defined as the captain remaining aboard the vessel and the vessel remaining at the dive site. Presence when providing diving instruction is defined as the dive instructor remaining within sight of divers for the duration of the dive and in close proximity to offer direction/correction and respond to potential emergencies such as decompression, diving illness
4. Prior to departure of Water Taxi Service from mainland, the Holder, or registered employees, will ensure that clients possess a valid map, compass/GPS, food, water, clothing, radio/cell phone, valid camping permits, and written instructions that clearly explain pick-up procedures including date, time, primary and alternate locations.
5. Motorized vessels used to provide or support these services will be equipped and licensed in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard requirements, applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Vessels will display current state registration or possess a U.S. Coast Guard Declaration.
6. The use of motorized vessels will be conducted in accordance with applicable U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) requirements, including, but not limited to operation, vessel capacity, safety equipment, and rules of the road. A minimum of a Charterboat Captain's License (6-pack) license is required in order to transport clients. Services performed under this CUA are limited to six (6) passengers per trip.
7. Any vessel registered under this CUA is subject to boarding and inspection at any time within the lakeshore.
8. Motorized boats/vessels used to support this service will be equipped with a marine band radio and cellular phone, for use in the event of any emergency.
9. All vessels used under this permit will carry a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD), as specified by USCG requirements, for each operator and passenger as well as at least one throwable Type IV PFD. A Type V PFD may be used in lieu of any wearable PFD, if it is approved for the activity in which the boat is being used. A Type V hybrid must be worn to be legal.
10. When towing a vessel into the lakeshore, the motorized tow vehicle will be mechanically sound, of sufficient size, horsepower, and brake horsepower, commensurate to the size of the vessel being towed (or as required by state law) to adequately and safely complete the tow from its place of storage outside the lakeshore, to designated public launch ramps within the lakeshore, and return. Total length of vehicle plus trailer must not exceed 45 feet.
11. Trailers used to transport vessels within the lakeshore will be in sound mechanical condition, appropriately sized and configured for the type of boat/vessel being towed, with all lights and equipment in good working order. The trailer will be properly connected to the tow vehicle at all times.
12. Vehicles used to provide this service will be street legal and have current insurance, registration, license, inspection, equipment, and will be properly permitted in accordance with state law. The license will be properly affixed and displayed as required by state law.
13. **SCUBA:**
 - a. The Holder will obtain a "Dive Permit" from the Chief Ranger of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore before engaging in any dive operations within the boundaries of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore or on any submerged cultural resources within 1.5 statute miles of the boundary as managed by the NPS under agreement with the Wisconsin Historical Society.
 - b. For all persons working underwater, the Holder must provide current copies of a nationally recognized certification that meets the minimum requirements for "Dive Master" or better.
 - c. The standard red and white "Diver Down" flag must be displayed and clearly visible whenever divers are in the water (red with white diagonal stripe, minimum 12 inches by 12 inches.) When at the surface, divers must be within 100 feet of the flag.

- d. The Holder, or registered employee, must carry the following equipment while diving: diver watch or timer, dive knife, compass.
- e. All divers must wear either a full wet suit (minimum requirement) or dry suit (preferred).
- f. Diving is only authorized between sunrise and sunset.

14. FISHING CHARTERS:

- a. The State of Wisconsin requires a guide license for anyone who guides, directs, or assists other persons in fishing in Wisconsin for compensation. The Holder, and any registered employees, conducting Fishing Charters under the terms of this CUA must provide a copy of a valid guide license issued by the State of Wisconsin.

15. LICENSES: The Holder and guide(s) registered under this Permit are required to possess the following:

- a. A current boat/vessel captains (six pack) license or masters certificate issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- b. The Holder must provide current copies of the U.S. Coast Guard License(s) for all employees registered under this Permit to the Apostle Islands Commercial Services manager for filing as part of the Permit.
- c. When providing vehicle transportation for visitors/clients within the boundaries of the lakeshore, the Holder will ensure all employees under this Permit performing services as drivers are currently qualified to perform the service and possess, if required, a **Commercial Driver's License** (CDL) as required by Wisconsin Department of Transportation regulations. A CDL is required for operation of motor vehicles that have the capacity to carry 16 or more passengers including the driver. The Holder must ensure that current copies of the Commercial Driver's License are always on file in the Apostle Islands NL Commercial Services Manager.