

UF BOATING GUIDELINES:
COVID-19 PANDEMIC CLEANING AND/OR DISINFECTION
FOR BOAT AND BOAT SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT
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Note: These cleaning guidelines only apply to boat surfaces/equipment that are contacted by the users and pose a risk of surface contact virus transmission. These guidelines do not apply to the hull, engine, windows, trailer body etc. These surfaces should be hosed down per normal boat cleaning procedures.

Before the commencement of daily operations all personnel should be reminded of general PPE requirements. The following are minimum standards that must be followed when cleaning/disinfecting UF owned/operated vessels and vessel specific equipment. Users are encouraged to exceed these standards while following all applicable health, safety and environmental laws.

All boat surfaces and boating related equipment that is touched by the operator or crew will be cleaned/disinfected at the end of the operating day. It is the PI and captain's responsibility to insure the following three-part strategy (in this order) is completed in its entirety:

1. Rinsed or wiped down with clean water
2. Disinfected with Steramine (or check the EPA full list of COVID-fighting disinfectants), according to the products instructions.
3. Allowed to dry for a minimum of 12 hours before re-use.

The following is a minimum list of surfaces and equipment that may require cleaning/disinfection after each use:

- Electronic Equipment: GPS, VHF, Tachometer, Throttle, Key
- Boat Specific Surfaces: Handrails, Swim Steps, Gunnels, Anchor/Chain, Dash, Helm,
- Trailer: Jack, Chains, Hitch and Wire Harness Light Plug
- Safety Kits/Equipment (only if used): Oxygen Kit, First Aid Kit, Emergency Signaling Equipment, Dive Flag

The following guidelines must be followed when cleaning/disinfecting boats and boat specific equipment:

- All personnel will wear eye protection, gloves while cleaning/disinfecting boats and boat specific equipment.
- All cleaning/disinfection supplies will be checked for expiration and will be used per manufacturer instruction
- Disinfectants will be given 12 hours to dry before the next boat user.
- Electronics, steering wheel, throttle, safety kits and communal handrails will be wiped down with clean/potable water then disinfected with Steramine and left to dry.
- Communal surfaces such as anchors, anchor chain, gunnels, swim step rails, etc., should be rinsed with high pressure clean water before being sprayed with Steramine and left to dry.

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