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Rep Sprenger – I hope this helps. Please let me know if you need more.

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- Boat liveries are required to make sure all rented boats leaving their premises are properly equipped with required safety equipment, whether the safety equipment is provided by the livery itself or the renter of the boat, is currently dependent on what the rental agreement is.
- For example, a rental boat is contacted on the water with 4 individuals in it but only has two lifejackets, enforcement would need to ask some follow-up questions to determine who was at fault, the livery operator for not ensuring the boats are properly equipped or the boat renter who picked up additional people after the boat was rented. Depending on statements and a review of potential rental agreement either the livery operator or the boat renter could receive a citation.
- Another example could be a fire extinguisher that has expired. If it was already on the boat at the time of rental, I would say it is the fault of the livery operator not the boat renter and the livery operator would be the one who is cited.

**830.410 Operator of boat livery to provide properly equipped boats.** No operator of a boat livery shall permit any boat the operator rents to depart from the livery premises unless the boat is equipped as provided under ORS 830.005, 830.015 to 830.050, 830.175, 830.210 to 830.420 and 830.475 to 830.490. [Formerly 488.025]

**830.415 Records of operator of boat livery.** The operator of a boat livery shall make and preserve for at least six months a written record of:

- (1) The name of each person who hires a boat from the livery.
- (2) The identifying number of the boat.
- (3) The date on which the boat is hired, and the hour of departure from the livery.
- (4) The expected date and hour of return.
- (5) The date and hour of return. [Formerly 488.098]

**830.420 Minimum equipment requirements for rental or charter boats; rules; inspection; cancellation or revocation of certificate for failure to comply.** (1) The State Marine Board shall provide by rule minimum equipment requirements for boats rented or chartered to the public. The rules shall be made in accordance with ORS chapter 183.

(2) Designated representatives of the board may annually inspect all rental or charter boats to check for the equipment required by the board. Any inspections conducted shall be coordinated with other state and federal agencies to minimize duplication of vessel inspections and boardings.

(3) After a hearing upon 10 days' notice to the owner of the boat, the board may cancel or revoke the certificate of number for any boat rented or chartered to the public if it does not equal or exceed the minimum equipment requirements provided by the board. [Formerly 488.026]



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