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Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats welcomes you! We understand that most of our customers are anxious to get out on our beautiful lakes, but please take the time to familiarize yourself with the houseboat. Please pay close attention at checkout to our personnel's instructions. He will be spending approximately 30 minutes with you. These are just a few reminders for you while you are out on the lakes. **Please ask any questions that you may have on the boat operation.**

1. Any boat returned with a damaged propeller will result in a repair or replacement charge. If negligently damaged while out on the lake, there will be a service call charge. **Do not run the boat with a damaged prop.** This will result in damages to the boat's outdrive.
2. **If you have purchased insurance, be advised that it does not cover the prop, small boat, or small boat's motor.**
3. During the checkout period, our personnel will show you the prop for your own assurance of it starting out in good condition.
4. Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats reserves the right to determine if a prop needs repair or replacement. If you pay the replacement charge, the damaged prop may be taken as your property.
5. **Keep boat out of floating debris.** Be extra careful when going into bays that may have debris or partially submerged logs that are hard to see, as this may cause damage to your cooling system. If the water cooling system becomes plugged, it will cause an overheated engine and result in engine damage and /or related parts plus a repair charge based on the results of damage.
6. **Stay off the lake during wind storms and at night.** When you are through traveling for the day, be sure you are off the main channels. Find a cove or a sheltered area to tie up. If you notice a storm brewing, find a sheltered area and pull over until wind and rains are over or weather has calmed again.
7. **TO START YOUR BOAT MOTOR.** Open the back door so you can hear the motor. Pull cold start out and push lever forward. Push choke in and turn motor over, at this time the motor should fire, let off the choke and motor will start.
8. Always pause in neutral before shifting gears. Never try shifting gears higher than the idle speed at any time. Doing so will cause loss of shift and will result in broken pins and no gears.
9. If you need help of any kind, we are most willing to come to you on being informed of your problem and location. **Always locate yourself on the charts provided by us.** If necessary, flag down a passing boater and relate your message. We suggest writing down information along with your **exact location.** Be sure to stay in the location given to us, as we can't be of help if we can't find you.
10. **Please wash your dirty dishes and bag your trash. Unload all your belongings at the gas dock.**
11. A \$200.00 cleaning fee will be charged if the boat is returned in an unclean condition.
12. **Please note your check-in time is _____.** Otherwise all late charges will be applicable. Check-in time means ready to check in at the rental office.
13. **Extra gas is not permitted aboard the boat. This is a serious fire hazard.**
14. **OBSERVE ALL WAKELESS SPEED SIGNS AND BUOY MARKERS. REMEMBER RIGHT OF THE RED, LEFT OF THE GREEN DOWNSTREAM, OPPOSITE ON RETURN.** When approaching the gas dock, go slowly and with care.
15. Do not litter any area that you visit. Leave shore sites clean, if not cleaner than you found them.
16. Houseboat numbers are not assigned to you until prior to checkout. This eliminates problems with our cleaning personnel, boat attendants, and the mechanic checking the boats. Please do not ask for your number.
17. **NO FIREARMS OR FIREWORKS ALLOWED IN THE PARK.**
18. **Our gas docks are open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.**

GUEST SIGNATURE _____