



# Going for a Ride? Paying Passenger?

By Law & For Your Safety

- 1) If the company provides a Captain for you, the Captain must be U.S. Coast Guard Licensed, and you can have up to **SIX** passengers.
- 2) If you are renting the vessel, you can have up to **12** passengers, and may operate it yourself, or you are responsible for hiring your own operator and paying them directly.
- 3) Or, look for U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Inspection Stickers, meaning it is a small passenger vessel inspected and certificated by the U.S. Coast Guard.



**FINES:** Up to \$42,000 per day or more.  
46 USC 8906 / 46 USC 3318(j)(1)

Questions or to Report Violations Contact:

**Sector Upper Mississippi River**

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