



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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SECTOR MOBILE UNINSPECTED VESSEL OPERATIONS


Owner/operators are reminded of the requirement and limitations for vessels that fall under 46 Code of Federal Register (CFR) 24, Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPV) under 100 gross tons, referred to as 6-packs and vessels over 100 gross tons, referred to as 12-packs. Recreational vessels may not carry passengers for hire without having a properly licensed captain and crew in accordance with 46 CFR 15. Sector Mobile's objective is to maintain the safety of passengers and crewmembers, along with ensuring the safe operation of vessels.

Hurricane Sally significantly impacted the Sector Mobile Inspection Zone and as a result, some vehicle routes off barrier islands are now closed. While owners/operators are trying to help citizens with alternate means of transportation, the laws and regulations are in effect to verify the safety of your vessel for passengers and crew. Vessel owners/operators that have Uninspected Passenger Vessels are reminded of the regulatory requirements prior to operating as an Inspected Passenger Vessel. Therefore, vessels that are 99 GRT and below that desire to carry over 6 passengers with at least one passenger for hire, must be inspected under 46 CFR 176. Vessels 100 GRT and above that desire to carry over 12 passengers must be inspected under 46 CFR 70. Operators that are seeking initial certification shall complete an initial application for inspection, as well as, provide plans and information to the cognizant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspections (OCMI) in accordance with 46 CFR 177.202 and 46 CFR 71.20. Uninspected Passenger Vessels shall not carry over the permitted passengers until approval is granted from the OCMI.

For more information, please contact the inspections office below:

Sector Mobile: (251) 441-5262 or send email to Mobinsp@uscg.mil.

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