



FAQ – General || HS/Jr Team Boat Captain

- 1) What is definition of “GBN HS/Jr Team Boat Captain”?
 - a. Each participating team must have a Coach (Boat Captain). Boat Captains must be of the age that would place them out of High School.
- 2) Are Boat Captain’s required to sign an Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement (APWA)?
 - a. YES., All Boat Captains are required to sign an [APWA](#) only 1 time per tournament season, executed at the first tournament registration.
 - b. The e-signature of the Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement form validates your participation, waiver and compliance with ALL sections contained within the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement Information](#) and that you have read and understand the [Tournament Rules](#).
 - c. Required documents for all anglers and Boat Captains (also outlined in the [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement \(APWA\) Information](#), specifically under Item 4: Insurance and Item 5:1 and Item 5:2.
 - i. Boat Captain
 - i. Valid and active GDNR Certificate of Boat Registration
 - ii. [WLI](#) or complete [Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use](#) on-line form
 - iii. Boater Education course if required by law
- 3) Are Boat Captains required to show proof (upload proof of completion with APWA) of Boater Education Course?
 - a. Yes., IF you are required per Georgia law:
 - i. As of July 1, 2014, all persons born on or after January 1, 1998, that operate any motorized vessel on the waters of the state must have completed a boat education course approved by the department prior to such operation. A person is exempt if he or she is:
 - i. a person licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard as a master of a vessel
 - ii. a person operating on a private lake or pond.
 - iii. a non-resident who has in his or her possession proof that he or she has completed a NASBLA approved boater education course or equivalency examination from another state.

- b. Boater Education information can be found here: [Georgia boating-education](#)
- 4) Is a valid boat registration required?
- a. YES., IF the Boat Captain is the owner of the boat, must have a valid and active “Certificate of Boat Registration”. Completion of the on-line form [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement](#) acknowledges the boat captain’s requirement for valid and active boat registration.
- 5) What if the Boat Captain is not the registered owner of the boat i.e., using a borrowed boat?
- a. Boat Captain is REQUIRED to complete the on-line form [Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use](#).
- 6) Is there a requirement for boat insurance?
- a. YES., Regardless of the Boat Captain being the owner of the boat OR is using a borrowed boat.
 - a. REQUIRED to have Watercraft Liability Insurance ([WLI](#)) at a minimum of \$300,000.00 or \$100,000 WLI policy coverage with an existing one million dollar minimum “UMBRELLA” Liability Policy.
 - b. Completion of the on-line form [Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement](#) acknowledges the boat captain’s requirement for WLI.
- 7) Are team(s) required to use the same boat captain for the complete tournament year?
- b. NO., if possible, the same boat captain is preferable.
- 8) What are the requirements for changing boat captains?
- c. [Boat Captain – Change Form](#) is REQUIRED and should be completed prior to the next tournament entry deadline.
 - d. New boat captain is REQUIRED to sign the *Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement* ([APWA](#)) which acknowledges the boat captain’s requirement for valid and active boat registration and WLI.
- 9) What if I need to make a Boat Captain change after the deadline date for the tournament entry?
- a. *Immediately contact GBN Youth Director at [gbnhs_support](#)*
 - b. *Boat Captain Change Form* will be available at the tournament for emergencies ONLY.
 - c. The new Boat Captain is still REQUIRED to:
 - i. Sign the *Angler Participation and Waiver Agreement*
 - ii. If applicable must complete the on-line form *Borrowed Boat: Permission to Use*
- 10) What is the Boat Captain allowed to do?
- a. HS - Can operate the trolling motor ONLY under help conditions i.e., dislodge from an obstacle or emergency.
 - b. HS – help cull fish ONLY, cannot net fish for anglers.
 - c. Jr – can operate trolling motor, net fish, and cull