

# The Six Personalities of Recreational Boaters



## 1 Blissful Boater

The air, the water, the sun. This isn't earth anymore; this is some version of heaven. The Blissful Boater literally lives for time on the water. She's taken a few lessons, she's thinking about joining a boat club, she's spending considerable amounts of time convincing everyone she knows—and doesn't know—that if they haven't been on a boat, they **have** to try it. And if they have but didn't fall in love, they're doing something wrong. You know where to find her any given Saturday, and she'll have the farmer's tan to prove it.

## 2 Grin And Bear It

*Only three hours, eleven minutes and nine seconds left...* The Grin And Bear It wants nothing more than to return to the shore, but she knows how happy the water and salty air make her friends. She's fighting that voice in her head that says, "We could have done a concert, a long brunch, even a day on that beach...but no, it always has to be the boat." She'll ride the waves, she'll take the photos, and yes, she **will** smile, but it's all mind over matter.

## 3 Fishing Fanatic

Did I hear boat day?? Count me in. Rod, tackle, bait and my bibs—I can't wait to catch a fish on my new gear! The Fishing Fanatic will capitalize on any opportunity to be on the water, as long as he can wet a line. He always knows the catch of the day and exactly where it can be found in the deep blue sea. You may be here to relax, but this guy has his eye on the prize and won't settle until he's got a fish alongside the boat. Quality time with friends is nice, but when that reel starts to scream, you better believe he means business.

## 4 Culinary Captain

Boat day Sunday? Perfect. I'm bringing mini crab cakes, some brisket shooters and lots of fruit salad. The Culinary Captain wants to know first and foremost if there's a cooler on board. Along with a full menu of mouth-watering snacks, she'll bring a rosé or two, asking you to worry only about bringing whatever "you like to drink." And just when the sky starts turn orange and pink, she's dicing some surprise strawberries for sunset sangria toast. It's tough to imagine a boat ride without her.

## 5 Sideline Sick

Guys, I don't think...I mean, uh, I'm really not feeling so great. Try as he might—and he really does try—the Sideline Sick has a reliable and undeniable predisposition towards queasiness at the slightest motion on the water. White-knuckled and more than a little sweaty, he's leaning off the side of the boat before you've even left the marina. Frankly, you wish he'd just stayed home, but he refuses to miss out. So now you can all be in this together. Maybe a little too together.

## 6 Nautical Know-It-All

*Check the bridle?* Done. *Help with the ground tackle?* Got it. *Lower the fender?* Seriously, do you think this is amateur hour? And you're welcome. This first mate has only been on a boat a few times, but he's a natural...or so he thinks. He firmly believes you're lucky he's here to make the whole process run smoothly. Just don't ask him what 70 knots equals in miles per hour—you'll find yourself playing a losing game.



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