



Congratulations on the purchase of your new Livingston! Since 1968, over 75,000 satisfied owners have operated and enjoyed Livingston boats in all corners of the world.

This pamphlet is designed to help ensure safe operation of this boat, so that you may have many years of enjoyment.



**Safe Boating
in your
Livingston Boat**



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PROPER LOADING AND BALANCING

Each Livingston model carries a specific recommended capacity, horsepower and weight distribution need. Safe use of your Livingston requires strict adherence to these recommendations, which are spelled out in a Capacity Label located on the transom of your boat.



Sample capacity label

Importantly, safe operation is impacted by a combination of factors including both how high the boat sits in the water as well as how level it sits in the water. The weight capacity recommendation may be met, but if all the weight is concentrated in the back of the boat, and there is an oversized motor adding further weight, the boat will likely ride with the bow up and present a safety danger. Importantly, operating with a motor exceeding manufacturer's recommendation will void your warranty and could lead to capsizing and potential loss of life.

Therefore, it is critical to comply with [all capacity, weight distribution and motor size recommendations.](#)

PROPERLY BALANCE YOUR BOAT

An improperly balanced boat is a safety risk. All onboard weight (including people, equipment, fluids) must be distributed so that there is not excessive bow rise. Improper balancing, a particular risk with a single operator, increases the likelihood of water ingress from the transom and causes reduced maneuverability and visibility when the bow is excessively elevated. In situations with a single operator, we recommend that a tiller extension be used.



ADDITIONAL SAFETY GUIDELINES

Below are some important safe boating tips, but this is not intended to replace full knowledge of all safe boating guidelines. Details and additional information can be found on the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) website at: <http://www.uscgboating.org/images/420.PDF> or accessible via an internet search for "Boaters Guide to Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats."

- Always check your boat before each use to make sure it is in excellent condition and contains recommended safety equipment.
- Never operate your Livingston if there is a danger of inclement or violent weather.
- One USCG-approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) to be present for each person on board. Required to be worn by children under 13; recommended for everyone.

- Vessels operating on U. S. coastal waters, the Great Lakes, and territorial seas must be equipped with U. S. Coast Guard-approved visual distress signals (VDS).
- Recreational boats under 16 feet in length must carry night signals when operating from sunset to sunrise.
- Recreational vessels are required to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility (fog, rain, haze, etc.).
- It is recommended that even if the boat is motor-powered, at least one set of oars be kept on board to enable return to shore should the motor fail.

We are pleased to have you as an owner of a Livingston Boat and hope your experience is safe and enjoyable. For further information check our website at: www.worldcat.com