

California



Boat Program

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American Modern Property and Casualty Insurance Company (071)



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BOAT

- ▶ Watercraft that are insured under the American Modern Property and Casualty Insurance Company (American Modern) Boat program includes boats or personal watercraft, under 27 feet in length, that are primarily used for private pleasure. Customers can use their boat for fishing tournaments and can earn up to 50% of their gross annual income from winnings, endorsements, etc. For customers that will earn more than 50% of their income from fishing tournaments, additional coverage must be purchased with our Professional Anglers Endorsement. Occasional participation in water-skiing or local sailing regattas is also permitted.



REQUIREMENTS

Ownership/Driver

- ▶ The following minimum age requirements apply:
 - All regular drivers must be at least 14 years of age or older if required by state law.
- ▶ No more than 4 owners are permitted (owner and spouse are considered 1 owner).
- ▶ The titled owner(s) must be at least 18 years old, have a valid U.S, Canada, or International driver's license and be listed as the Named Insured(s) on the policy.
- ▶ If required by the state, drivers must also hold a valid watercraft operator's license.
- ▶ Corporate ownership is permitted; policy must be titled in the name of the company or corporation and all potential drivers must be identified.
- ▶ Living family Trust ownership is permitted, but use is restricted to private pleasure use.

POLICY LEVEL COVERAGE OPTIONS

Coverages	Description	Included Limit	Options
Accidental Fuel Spill	Provides coverage for the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA).	Federally mandated limit	Not Applicable
Liability - Bodily Injury and Property Damage	Provides coverage for occupants of other vessels occurring from the use or maintenance of the insured watercraft. Also provides coverage for the property of others involved in an accident. Included Wreck Removal coverage provides for the reasonable cost to raise, remove, or dispose of your boat in the event of a covered loss. Watersports Liability is included on eligible watercraft.	Mandatory	Combined single limit options available are as follows: \$15,000 \$25,000 \$50,000 \$100,000 \$300,000 \$500,000 \$1,000,000
Medical Payments	Provides coverage for people aboard the watercraft in the event of a covered loss.	\$1,000	Limit options range from \$2,500 to \$25,000
Nautical Collectibles	Provides coverage for maritime collectibles. Deductible of \$250 applies.	No	Insured can select any limit that matches the value of the maritime collection.
Pet Protection	Provides coverage for costs incurred as a result of injury or death of the primary named insured's cat or dog in the event of a covered accident.	\$750	Not Applicable
Travel Loss	Provides coverage for transportation expenses, lodging, and meal expense as a result of disablement to the insured boat.	No	\$150 per Day / \$600 per Occurrence
Uninsured/ Underinsured Boaters	Provides Bodily Injury coverage in the event of a covered loss with an uninsured or underinsured boater.	Limits equal to Liability - Bodily Injury and Property Damage	Not Applicable

Language contained within the Program Manual is for informational purposes only and does not override any policy language. Refer to policy forms and endorsements for full coverage details.

VEHICLE LEVEL COVERAGE OPTIONS

Coverages	Description	Included Limit	Options
Boat Lift	Provides coverage for damage to your boat lift.	\$250 Deductible	Coverage can be increased to any limit.
Bow to Stern	Provides coverage for a failed mechanical part in the event that the failed part causes an ensuing loss that is covered.	No	Not Applicable
Chartered Fishing Guide	Provides coverage to allow both paying and nonpaying passengers to be taken on fishing excursions up to 60 days per policy term. This coverage is fully earned. Additional Underwriting will be required with the selection of this coverage. Must submit a Chartering Questionnaire Form (CHQ).	No	Options based on: Number of Days, Number of Passengers, Full or Part Time Usage
Diminishing Deductible	If selected, this optional coverage applies to the Hull deductible. The deductible is reduced at each renewal as long as the policy is claim free until the deductible is \$0.	No	Not Applicable
Ensuing Loss	Provides coverage for ensuing loss caused by consequential sinking, burning, or collision of the boat.	Mandatory	Not Applicable
Excess Sale of Fish	Removes commercial use exclusion to allow the insured to sell extra fish for monies. This coverage will be fully earned.	No	Not Applicable
Extended Parts Replacement	Provides coverage for replacement cost for parts in the event of a partial loss.	10 Years	Options available: 15 years 20 years
Genuine Parts Security	Provides coverage replacement cost for Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts in the event of a partial loss. Available only for watercrafts 0-9 years of age.	No	Not Applicable
Haul Out	Provides coverage for removing a watercraft from harms way in the event of impending damage. This coverage is fully earned.	50% of cost, up to \$500	50% of cost, up to \$1,000
Hull	Provides coverage for physical damage of an insured boat.	No	Deductible options available are as follows: \$100, \$250, \$500 \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000
Performance Boat	A separate 10% deductible will be applied for theft losses to watercrafts with this endorsement.	Mandatory on Performance boats.	Not Applicable
Personal Effects	Provides coverage for personal property.	\$2,500	Options to increase to \$20,000
Port Risk	Provides temporary or short-term coverage (ashore or afloat) while the boat is undergoing repairs and deemed unseaworthy. Additional Underwriting will be required with the selection of this coverage.	No	In Water or Out of Water

VEHICLE LEVEL COVERAGE OPTIONS (continued)

Coverages	Description	Included Limit	Options
Professional Angler	Provides coverage for use of the boat while the named insured is earning more than 50% of their total income from professional fishing activities.	No	Not Applicable
Rental Reimbursement	Provides coverage for a rental boat while the insured boat is inoperable due to a covered claim.	No	Options Available: \$500/day \$1,000/day
Settlement Option	Determines the settlement of claims for covered losses. Replacement cost is only available for boats three years of age and newer.	Agreed Value	Additional Options: Actual Cash Value Replacement Cost
Tournament Fee Reimbursement	Provides coverage for tournament fee reimbursement in the event that there is a loss that prevents the primary named insured from participating.	No	\$2,500
Towing and Emergency Expense	Provides coverage for towing and labor cost when a boat is disabled.	\$250	\$500 \$1,000 \$3,000 \$5,000
Trailer Physical Damage	Provides Physical Damage coverage for trailer vehicle type with the same settlement option as the boat.	\$250 Deductible	Actual Cash Value or Agreed Value
Watersports Liability Exclusion	Excludes Bodily Injury coverage in the event a person is injured while being towed behind a boat. This exclusion will be automatically applied to boats that are not suitable for watersports activities.	No	Not Applicable

DISCOUNTS

Discount	Description
Advance Quote	This discount is available if the insured/agent completes a quote at least 1 day in advance of the policy effective date.
Anti-Theft Devices	This discount is available if the insured vessel possesses a GPS tracking device that is actively monitored for the entire policy period.
Association	This discount is available for drivers who are a member of an approved association. Retain proof of membership.
Homeowner	This discount is available when the insured owns a home, condominium, or manufactured home.
Loyalty	This discount is available when the policy is renewed with an American Modern Insurance Group Company.
Multi-Policy	This discount is available when the insured has two or more policies of a different policy form, under the same account within AMsuite®.
Multi-Vehicle	This discount is available when two or more vehicles are insured on the same policy.
Preferred Customer	This discount is available based on the loss history of all drivers.
Safety Course	This discount is available when the insured has taken an approved safety course that is not mandated by a court. Proof required.
Violation Free	This discount is available to all drivers without violations.

UNDERWRITING

Occasionally your American Modern underwriter may declare a risk unacceptable to the Company even though it appears to be eligible in this Guide.

A survey may be required on any vessel at the discretion of the underwriter. Survey must be a condition and valuation survey from a National Association of Marine Surveyor (NAMS) or Society of Accredited Marine Surveyor (SAMS).

RISKS CHARACTERISTICS

Chartered Fishing Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Boats must have all safety equipment for size and usage ▶ All Captains and boats must be in compliance with all federal and state license requirements ▶ Part time is defined as up to 30 days per policy period. More than 30 days per policy period is considered Full Time. Maximum of 60 days per policy term. ▶ Max of 3 captain/crew members ▶ If greater than 5 passengers, submit copies of USCG licenses for all drivers ▶ No snorkel, diving, or watersports tours are acceptable ▶ No more than 6 passengers
Prior Insurance Lapse in Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ If there has been a lapse in coverage greater than 30 days, hull coverage exists, and the boat value is greater than \$20,000- Underwriting approval is required ▶ Must verify that the watercraft does not have unrepaired damage ▶ Must verify that the applicant is not looking for seasonal coverage ▶ Upload date verifiable current, color photos (within 3 days of the submission) for watercraft greater than \$20,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos to include: bow, transom, engines, engine compartment, cabin (if any), interior, and trailer (if applicable)
Boat Value > \$300,000	▶ Watercraft values greater than \$300,000 must be referred to underwriting
Agreed value	▶ For boat values greater than \$50,000, underwriting review required at each 5th renewal
Company as Named Insured (LLC, Trust or Business)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Some watercraft that are titled to a company, trust, or business may be eligible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This could include applicants with watercrafts that are titled in the name of a business for tax purposes only ▶ Any watercraft operated or used as part of a business is not acceptable unless endorsed ▶ Trusts must be listed as a company rather than a person
Non-Renewed or Canceled	▶ Applicants non-renewed or canceled by the prior carrier due to excess losses, large losses, payment problems or physical hazards must provide additional detail about the non-renewal or cancellation
Performance Boats and Classic (1985 and Prior) Performance Boats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Current color photos are required at binding if vessel is not new ▶ No more than 700 horsepower per engine for Performance Boat or 1200 horsepower per engine for Classic Performance Boats ▶ 2 years of previous ownership experience is required with performance units of like kind and speed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boating Experience Resume is required (BER) ▶ Performance Supplemental Application (form WC-CW-G-0007) will be required ▶ The Named Driver endorsement will be required ▶ The acceptance of performance watercraft is at the sole discretion of Underwriting ▶ A survey is required for Performance watercraft greater than 10 years old ▶ The settlement option will be defaulted to Actual Cash Value but can be changed to Agreed Value
Airboats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Underwriters may use discretion regarding airboats and specific horsepower ▶ Current color photos are required at binding ▶ 2 years of previous ownership experience is required with units of like kind and speed. Boating Experience Resume (BER) is required to be submitted ▶ Airboats cannot be used for chartering, tours, or other commercial purposes ▶ Engine and fan must be caged
Port Risk	▶ A survey addendum will be required after the repairs have been completed to verify that the vessel is

RISKS CHARACTERISTICS Continued

Antique	▶	A survey is required within the last 12 months
	▶	A Hurricane Plan (HSP) is required in Hurricane exposed areas
	▶	Wooden vessels must be pulled out of the water annually
	▶	Boating Experience Resume is required (BER) and first time wooden watercraft owners are not acceptable
	▶	Bilge pump alarms are also required for wooden vessels

RISKS THAT REQUIRE UNDERWRITING REVIEW

Watercraft	▶	Exposed engines and/or over the transom exhaust
	▶	Watercraft that are stored more than 300 miles from the owner's residence that are not adequately protected or secured by a local person or marine facility require an acceptable Absentee Owner Questionnaire (AOQ)
	▶	Wood, or Other construction types
	▶	Vessels with carbon fiber hull materials or masts
	▶	Storage Parking Lot, Parking Garage or Other Unsecured Storage Location
Driver	▶	Any more than five drivers categorized as "Other Related, or Other"
	▶	A person added as an additional interest
	▶	Any Additional Named Insured that is a child or "other"
	▶	Any Bass Boat with a speed over 79 mph or any performance boat where the driver is under 30 years of age
	▶	Any Unverifiable Motor Vehicle Record

RISKS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE - DO NOT REFER

Policy	▶	Primary Named Insured is not the titled owner
	▶	Applicant with a felony conviction in the last 10 years
	▶	Boat Clubs or similar organizations as a Named Insured
	▶	Fractional (time share) ownership with more than four owners
Watercraft	▶	Watercraft used for racing, other than occasional sailing regattas OR sailboats used exclusively for racing
	▶	Watercraft not stored in the U.S
	▶	Watercraft with steel hulls, fiberglass over wood, or cold mold hulls
	▶	Floating structures or boats that are not intended to be navigated, are on static display, are unseaworthy, or have deficiencies or unrepaired damage
	▶	Turbine Engines
	▶	Composite, Ferro Cement/Kevlar, or Poly construction types
	▶	Vehicles held for sale or consignment
	▶	More than 3 additional named insureds
	▶	Pontoons moored or navigated in coastal waters
	▶	Watercraft that are homemade, kit built, or modified with nitrous/turbo supercharge, racing engines, or racing outdrives
	▶	Watercraft with more than 2 main engines, unless outboard with maximum of 4
	▶	Antiques (1970 and older) with a top speed of more than 70 mph, bass boats with a speed of more than 120 mph, and any other vessel with a top speed of more than 90mph.
	▶	Watercraft 27 feet and longer. These risks may be acceptable within our Yacht Program
	▶	Watercraft used for peer-to-peer rentals (such as Airbnb, VRBO, Boatsetter, etc.)
	▶	Vessels deemed a prior total loss, constructive total loss, and/or vessels with salvage titles
	▶	Electric surfboards
Engine and Outdrives:	▶	Surface drives or mud motor outboards such as Mud Buddy and Pro-Drive
	▶	Seven Marine outboards
	▶	Arneson drives
	▶	NXT 6 Super Speed Master (SSM)
	▶	Speedmaster #2 thru #8

RISKS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE - DO NOT REFER CONTINUED

Driver	▶ Drivers requiring a SR-22 Filing
	▶ Drivers without a valid license (exception: foreign licenses can be referred to Underwriting)
	▶ Applicant/driver with any type of suspension, or that has a canceled, revoked, or barred license in the past 36 months
	▶ Owners/drivers who want seasonal coverage or have a history of cancellation for non-payment

DRIVING RECORD

A CLUE, MVR, and PRE-FILL report will be obtained for all new business risks

Accidents and Violations	▶ We require 5 years of Accident and Violation history including Accidents, Major Violations, Minor Violations, etc. The system will determine applicability for eligibility, discounts, and surcharges
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GENERAL RULES AND RATING INFORMATION

1. **Application and Forms**
The application and all forms should be completed in AMsuite and printed or electronically signed. The agent's and applicant's signatures are required. The completed and signed application and forms and proof of discounts must be kept on file and made available in the event of a claim or file audit.
For any documents that require a signature AMsuite offers the ability to electronically sign documents. An e-mail and mobile phone number is required from the insured to complete the process. Not all situations will allow for e-signature, AMsuite will determine the eligibility to electronically sign the documents.
2. **Binding**
 - a. All applications should be entered completely into AMsuite. Rules in AMsuite will determine if coverage can be bound.
 - b. If the quote is required to be referred to underwriting for review, it is the agent's responsibility to notify the customer at the time of referral that the risk is not bound.
 - c. Unbound referred applications in AMsuite that do not meet our underwriting guidelines will be rejected and the agent will be notified by an assigned activity in AMsuite or by email.
 - d. If an issue is rejected, a notice will not go out to the customer so it is the agent's responsibility to notify the customer that a policy will not be issued. A declination notice may be produced upon request.
3. **Policy Term**
Policies may only be written for a term of 12 months.
4. **Transfer or Assignment**
Policies may not be transferred or assigned.
5. **Whole Dollar Premium**
The premium shall be rounded separately for each coverage to the nearest whole dollar.
6. **Minimum Written & Earned Premium**
The Minimum Written premium is \$100. The Minimum Earned Premium is \$100.
7. **Loss Settlement Options**
 - a. **Agreed**
Insures the watercraft for the agreed value shown on the declarations page minus any deductible.
 - b. **Actual Cash Value**
In the event of a total loss or theft, we pay the Actual Cash Value, which includes a deduction for depreciation. For a partial loss we pay the Repair Cost minus depreciation for damaged parts. The policy deductible applies.
 - c. **Replacement Cost**
The cost to repair or replace the property, subject to conditions set in the endorsement.
8. **Watercraft Value**
Minimum value \$1,000
Maximum value \$1,000,000 (unless the insured is already a current customer)
AMsuite provides guidance on watercraft valuations by comparing the requested value against published third-party valuation guides. Values that fall outside of the recommended range will require additional documentation to substantiate the requested value.
9. **Identification**
A valid Hull ID or serial number must be obtained for any insured watercraft, outboard motor, trailers, and tenders/dinghy.
10. **Rating State**
The state where the watercraft is regularly moored more than 6 months (on or off season) determines the policy forms and rates applicable to the policy. However, if the watercraft is moored in a coastal state (TX, LA, MS, AL, FL, GA, SC, NC, VA, MD, DE, NJ, NY, CT, RI, MA, NH, ME) 4 months or more, that state must be used as the rating state.

GENERAL RULES AND RATING INFORMATION Continued

11. Navigation

- a. Navigation is permitted in the inland and coastal waters of the United States and Canada, and on the Pacific coastal waters of Mexico (limited to no further south than Rio Santo Tomas, Mexico).
- b. For boats, navigation is also permitted in international shared lakes that are divided by the border of the United States and Mexico, provided the insured watercraft is launched on the U.S. side of the border and mooring in Mexico only takes place in the event of an accident.
- c. Navigation is permitted up to 50 miles offshore.

NOTE: With the exception of the Canada and Mexico navigation allowances shown above, navigation into the territorial waters of any foreign country or province is prohibited and is not covered in the policy. Examples include (but not limited to) the Bahamas and Cuba.

12. Who needs to be listed on the application

- a. All regular drivers of the watercraft.
- b. If the watercraft is titled in a Trust or LLC, list the name of the Trust/LLC as the Primary Named Insured, and the Principal owner of the company as the first Additional Named Insured.

13. Mailing Address

Any mailing address must be located within the United States of America.
Canadian Customers - A policy may be written on an eligible vessel located in the United States for a Canadian customer. All mailings to the insured must be sent to a mailing address within the United States (other than the mailing address of the producing agent).

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF WRITINGS

During Temporary Suspension of Writing, do not accept any applications for new coverage, requests to increase coverage limits, or requests to lower deductibles on existing policies. Existing American Modern policies will renew during this time, provided there is no increase in coverage or lapse between policies.

Temporary Suspension of Writing applies to any risk that is located within any zone or area that is subject to one or more of the following criteria:

Impending Severe Weather

- ▶ Tornado watches and/or warnings; or
- ▶ Flood watches and/or warnings; or
- ▶ Tropical storm or Hurricane watches and/or warnings; or
- ▶ Any other Warning, Watch, or Emergency Alert published by the National Weather Service.

Earthquake

- ▶ The entirety of any County of which any part is within 100 miles of the epicenter of any earthquake or aftershock of 5.0 Richter (or greater). Restrictions begin with the occurrence of such an earthquake or aftershock, and continue for a period of 72 hours.

Wildfire

- ▶ A wildfire alert is in effect; or
- ▶ Any area that has been designated as a pre-evacuation or mandatory evacuation zone; or
- ▶ An active fire line is within close proximity of any proposed risk.

In addition, Binding Restrictions may be implemented for any potentially catastrophic event based on criteria defined by American Modern. These restrictions are posted in AMsuite and also on the amig.com/bindingrestrictions webpage. However even if a binding restriction is not listed in AMsuite or on amig.com, but meets any of the above criteria, the temporary suspension of writings should be followed. Producers are encouraged to monitor information resources such as the news when there are impending severe weather or catastrophic events in the area.

The Boat policy includes coverage for Haul-Out in the event of an impending damage. Please remember to reach out to the customer and ensure them that we are here to help them protect it.

CANCELLATION PROCEDURES

American Modern will accept a request to cancel a policy when accompanied by proper documentation, which is a letter or LPR signed and dated by the named insured. If the request is received more than 30 days after the requested cancellation date, the signed and dated request must also be accompanied by the following:

- ▶ A dec page from another carrier showing coverage inforce from that date; or
- ▶ A bill of sale or other proof that the insured no longer had an interest in the vehicle.

Other acceptable reasons for backdating a cancellation request:

- ▶ Duplicate American Modern policy providing coverage for the same risk exists – valid American Modern policy number must be provided.

The request to cancel is due to a total loss and the cancellation date is after the total loss.

QUOTING PROCEDURE

Quoting and issuance of policies will only be available through **AMsuite**. If you do not have access to our website, please call your Account Manager or General Agent, whichever applies.

In **AMsuite**, an accurate quote will be ensured by entering all of the requested information. On the QUALIFICATION page, you will be asked to verify some information about the applicant before reports can be ordered. On the QUALIFICATION page are our disclosures to the insured that third party reports may be ordered. **You must read the disclosure statement(s) to the insured before proceeding.**

Communication with home office for underwriting approval is handled via “actions/notes” within Amsuite. In order to ensure best possible response time, please be sure to check your submissions regularly in Amsuite.

PAYMENT PLANS

Payment plan availability varies based on the premium of the policy. Amsuite will only display payment plans that are available based on the policy premium.

We now accept Credit Cards and one time EFT as a method of payment.

ANNUAL POLICIES

1. Paid in Full - 100% down with no remaining installments.
2. Semi-Annual Plan - 50% down with 1 remaining installment. EFT available for this plan.
3. Quarterly Pay Plan - 25% down with 3 remaining installments. EFT available for this plan.
4. Bi-Monthly Plan - 20% down with 5 remaining installments. EFT available for this plan.
5. EZPay Monthly - 20% down with up to 10 remaining installments. **MUST** be recurring electronically.

A service fee will be assessed for each remaining installments. Late fees, reinstatement fees, and insufficient fund fees may apply.

How To Reach Us

Policy or billing questions

Call: 1-800-543-2644

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern

Payments delivered via USPS:

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PO Box 740167

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Fifth Third Bank

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E-mail: systemsupport@amig.com

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