

## **The Importance of Filing a Float Plan**

Over the many years in KPBA we have had a requirement for members to leave notice and file a float plan when they were away.

This was not required when we just went out for the day but was, when we were away overnight.

We used to have a board at the front of the room with hooks for each boat. When away we moved our boat to the “away” rack so the “fleet captain” would know the dock was available.

As things have worked out we have plenty of available docks so that reason is not presently needed.

What is needed is to raise the awareness among our members of the (potential) benefits of filing a float plan with a person who cares (wife or sweetheart) or an automated service that would do the monitoring. The below suggestion meets the intent of a monitored float plan that can be easily implemented on our smart phones. Try it- you will be safer for the effort.

<https://floatplancentral.cgaux.org/download/USCGFloatPlan.pdf>

The direct link is available on the Seamanship tab under *Articles on Seamanship*, and also on the Links tab of the website.