

**WAC 296-115-005 Scope and purpose.** This chapter generally sets requirements according to chapter 88.04 RCW to protect the safety and health of passengers and crew on board charter boats, and provides penalties for violations of these requirements. Specifically, this chapter:

(1) Applies to vessels for hire that carry seven or more passengers when operated in state waters which are not regulated by the United States Coast Guard.

(2) Does not apply to:

(a) Vessels that are charter boats but is being used by the documented or registered owner exclusively for their own noncommercial or personal pleasure purposes;

(b) Vessels owned by people or corporate entities which are donated and used by people or nonprofit organizations to transport passengers for charitable or noncommercial purposes, regardless of whether consideration is directly or indirectly paid to the owner;

(c) Vessels that are rented, leased, or hired by operators to transport passengers for noncommercial or personal pleasure purposes;

(d) Vessels used exclusively for, or incidental to, educational purposes; or

(e) Bare boat charter boats.

(3) Is intended to be consistent with, and prevails in the event of a conflict with, the rules adopted by the United States Coast Guard under 46 C.F.R. Subchapters K and T, in effect at the time the vessel's keel was laid.

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