

Boater Fishing Etiquette

1. Notify the back seat they will be fishing with you, your plan and the style of fishing you will be utilizing.
2. The backseat pays all launch and permit fees. Boaters are responsible to provide the boat and the cost of fuel and oil.
3. Ask the backseat, and plan around their boat launch and retrieval skills.
4. Typically a six rod limit is the norm. It is the boaters call to allow any additional.
5. Based upon the boat configuration normal courtesy allows for the empty availability of the compartment behind the passenger seat for food, clothing, and other storage.
6. When fishing access is limited or hugging the shore line, allow the backseat ability to move forward.
7. Allow the backseat to cast 45 degrees forward. If the boater is re-rigging or pinning fish, allow the backseat to take the trolling motor and fish forward, or to fish forward while on spot lock.
8. Grant time for the backseat to choose a location and or style they would like to fish.
9. Permit the backseat to take control of the front of the boat for a few hours if they wish.
10. Smoking is a personal preference and you may prohibit it on your boat.
11. Give the backseat access to your ice chest and let them know of your trash storage availability.
12. Insist the backseat wipe down your boat as you sit back and supervise while drinking beer.