# As recreational boating reopens, boat rentals will be one of the ideal solutions for an escape this summer

5/18/2020 PARIS, FRANCE- As summer holidays like Memorial Day approach, many Americans are hoping to head to the beach or enjoy the day on a boat after spending more than six weeks at home. The desire to escape has never been stronger, and platforms like Click&Boat are readily available to help Americans spend time out on the water. It allows them to easily book a motorboat for half a day or even a sailboat if they are looking for a last-minute weekend getaway. A boat rental is one of the safer options when it comes to vacationing this this summer, and one of the best ways to relax whether you known how to sail or not.

### The perfect escape while practicing social distancing

Where to go, and how? Americans continue to ask themselves these questions as stay at home orders are to be soon lifted in many states. While the government has not made any decision yet about international travel this summer, it is safer to assume that people will have to plan their vacations within the United States this year. Now is the time to consider alternative ways for recreational activities and trips this summer. While it is crucial to maintain proper hygiene and distancing rules, where better to do this than out on the water?

Currently, all states have opened most of their public water access points, boat landings, and ramps. Marinas are slowly reopening on a state-by-state basis. Florida for example, has reopened many of its marinas but, there are limitations in place for boaters such as maximum number of passengers depending on the boat's size and boats have to remain at least 50 feet apart at all times. However, with time it is expected that certain restrictions will ease and that boating will be accessible to everyone this summer, thanks to the possibility of renting a boat with a skipper.

## Click&Boat, an established and dynamic player in domestic tourism

Campaigns and hashtags have been launched such as #supportlocal and #staycation, in support of staying local this summer to aid the US tourism industry. For a country that has over 88,000 miles of shoreline with competent nautical infrastructure, there has been no better time than now to explore the US by water. From well-known boating hotspots like Miami and San Diego, to the lakes in Texas, the Great Lakes, and the Chesapeake Bay, there are so many great opportunities for an escape.

Created in 2014, but launched in the United States in 2017, Click&Boat, the world leader in online boat rentals currently offers more than 1,600 private and professional boats across the United States, and 35,000 boats around the world. Within the country alone, individuals can rent a boat in over 70 destinations and counting.

Click&Boat's simple to use platform makes searching for special offers and last-minute deals helpful in times like these, when many people have to plan their vacations on short notice. While the hope for a sunny island-hopping trip in Greece or a discovering the Croatian coast may not be for this year, it is still worth taking a look at offers stateside! There are plenty of destinations in the US that are worth being explored and enjoyed by boat.

## Renting a boat: a leisure activity for the general public

Americans can choose from a large selection of boats, whether it be a classic sailboat, a speedy motorboat, luxurious yacht or a comfortable catamaran. There is something for everyone's taste and needs. For those who are new to boating, or simply do not hold a license, Click&Boat is an ideal option when it comes to boat rentals, as many boats can be rented with an experience skipper who knows the area well. The platform also allows its users to rent a boat à la carte. It may be a few hours, a full day, a week-end or even more than a few weeks. There options for boating this summer are endless.

"Spending time out on the water allows you to escape and get some fresh air after this very long period of being cooped up at home. We offer a wide range of rentals adapted to both sailing enthusiasts and to those discovering the pleasures of boating" says Edouard Gorioux, co-founder of Click&Boat.

## **Boat rental destinations in the United States**



Discover Florida's Caribbean-like waters with a multi-purpose motorboat in Miami. > clickandboat.com/us/boat-rental/miami/motorboat/bayliner-element-xl-j69v8g Departure from Miami, starting at \$469/day (8 people maximum)



Explore the Chesapeake Bay and Annapolis, the United States' sailing capital on board a sailboat.

> clickandboat.com/us/boat-rental/annapolis/sailboat/hunter-376-vg6rq6

Departure from Annapolis, starting at \$600/ day (6 people maximum)



With a motorboat in Austin, Texas, enjoy watersports and family time out on the lakes.

> <u>clickandboat.com/us/boat-rental/austin/motorboat/ski-boat-24-8ykgzb</u>

Departure from Austin, starting at \$850/day (6 people maximum)



Visit Newport Beach by sea with an easy-to-use motorboat.

> <u>clickandboat.com/us/boat-rental/newport-beach/motorboat/duffy-12-b9gpvg</u>

Departure from Newport Beach, California, starting at \$90/hour (12 people maximum)



Escape busy New York City and enjoy calm waters on board a motorboat sight-seeing or even fishing. > <u>clickandboat.com/us/boat-rental/new-york/motorboat/tiara-open-36-864k5</u>

Departure from New York City, starting at \$175/hour or \$700/day (6 people maximum)



Set sail on Galveston Bay, Texas with a brand- new Catamaran.

> <u>clickandboat.com/us/boat-rental/kemah/catamaran/lagoon-45-rp7jj7</u>

Departure from Kemah, starting at \$150/ sunset cruise of 2h30 (8 people maximum)

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Click&Boat is a boat rental platform for private individuals and professionals created in 2013 by two young French entrepreneurs: Edouard Gorioux and Jérémy Bismuth. The startup was born from an observation that millions of boats 'sleep' in European ports and cost their owners a lot of money. Click&Boat therefore allows owners to make their boats profitable while simultaneously allowing renters to sail at a lower cost. The concept of "Airbnb of the seas" has quickly won over much more than just the French coast, the company has been experiencing strong growth in the United States, Spain, Italy, and Greece.

Since 2018, sailor François Gabart has been both a sponsor and shareholder of Click&Boat, that has a community of over 400,000 users worldwide.

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