

Docket USCG-2007-0008

Coast Guard Boating Accident Report Form (CG-3865)

Recommended Changes to CG-3865

1. Place the operator/owner information found on page six, on page one.

I realize page one contains info on the person submitting the report, but often review, requests, and general inquiries about accidents are most often requested by referring to the operator. Having this information “up front” may be more helpful.

2. On page five, “Accident Details- Serious Injuries” and “Accident Details- Deaths/Disappearances” in the brief instruction section.

I recommend adding “people being towed by your boat”. It clearly indicates **not** those being towed by another boat. I found this confusing initially and raised the question as to whether it included those towed by the subject boat.

3. On page six, have the “Signature of Person Submitting this Report” more obvious.

We are regularly returning this document to persons completing this report who overlook the signature line.