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oat liveries are valuable resources for water enthusiasts in Pennsylvania. They provide many benefits such as recreational access, variety of craft, affordability, safety education and regulation compliance.

#### Recreational access

Liveries offer easy access to a variety of watercraft (boats), so residents and visitors can easily explore lakes, rivers and other waterways without owning a boat. Boats are usually available on an hourly, daily or weekly basis.

## Variety of craft

Boat liveries maintain a diverse fleet of boats, which often includes motorboats, pontoon boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, row boats and personal watercraft (i.e.: jet skis). So, whether you prefer the thrill of speedboats or the tranquility of sailboats, there's something for everyone.

#### **Affordability**

Not everyone can afford to own a boat, especially if you only boat occasionally. Boat liveries allow individuals to enjoy boating experiences without the long-term financial commitment. Renting a boat from a livery is often more cost-effective than purchasing one.

## Safety education

Liveries must provide pre-rental and pre-ride instruction to renters. These sessions cover essential safety topics such as the dangers of passengers sitting in non-designated areas, proper use of engine cut-off switches and safe operation of vessels near

people in the water. Boat liveries contribute to safer water experiences by educating boaters.

# Regulation compliance

Rules align with legislative changes and enhance public safety, ensuring accountability and responsible operation.

An entryway for recreational enthusiasts who do not own a boat, liveries provide inclusion and interaction in public spaces. So, have fun. Be safe. And, visit a boat livery for an enjoyable summer boating experience in PA!

# Pennsylvania boat rentals (liveries):



fishandboat.com/About-Us/Affiliates/ Boat-Rentals/Pages/default.aspx

#### State park boat rental sites:



explorepawaters.com/ find-a-waterway/

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