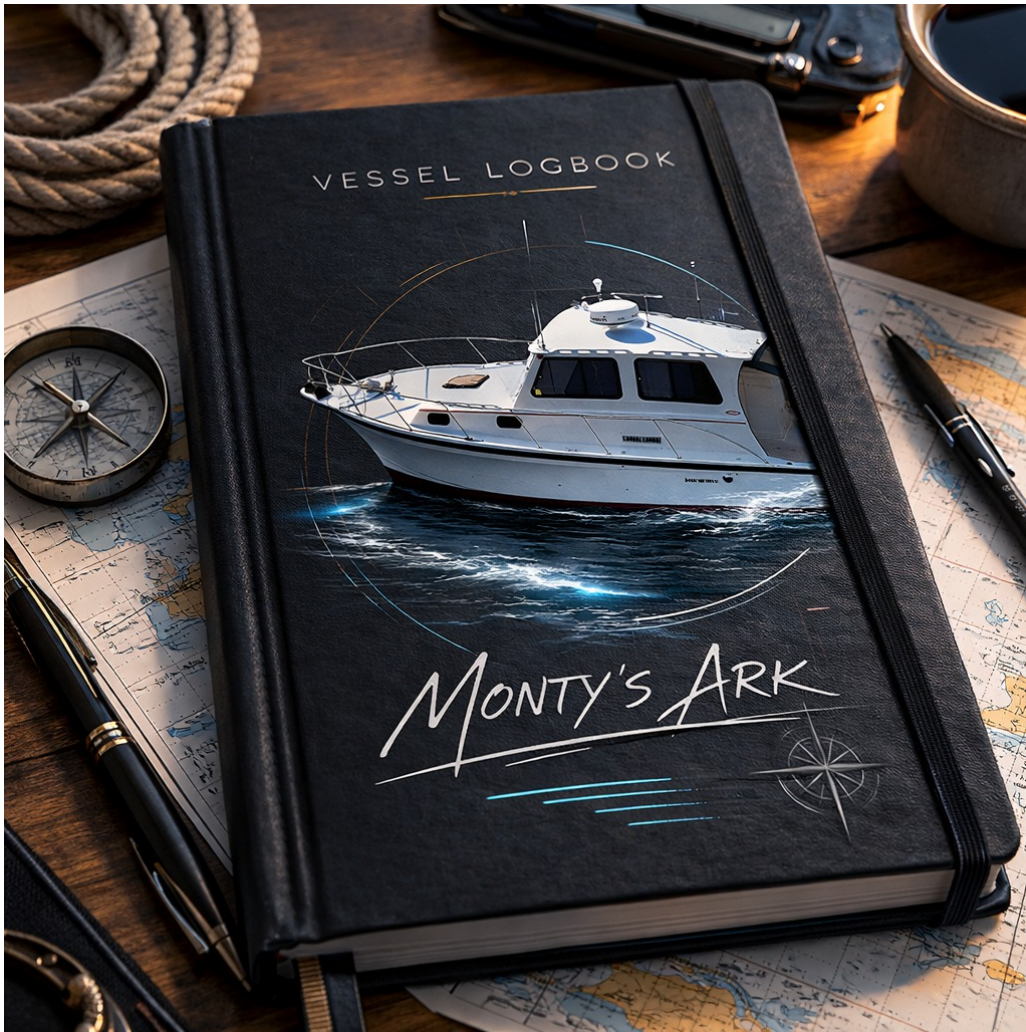




MONTY'S ARK LOGBOOK

August 2026

Charter Safety, Urban Swims & Boat Delivery



Urban Swim participants in the East River - photo courtesy of Urban Swim

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URBAN SWIMS: NEW YORK FROM THE WATER

Urban swim events offer one of the most extraordinary ways to experience New York Harbor, the East River, the Harlem River, and the Hudson.

Monty's Ark Adventures is proud to support Urban Swim by providing an on-water platform for swimmers and a dedicated safety patrol during its events. From giving participants and event personnel a reliable place on the water to helping monitor the course, our role is to support a safe, well-coordinated swim.

Most recently, we provided these services for the Roosevelt Island swim on July 25, 2026. It was another remarkable day made possible by the preparation and teamwork of the swimmers, organizers, observers, kayakers, captains, crews, and safety teams.

We are proud to help make these challenging events possible and to support the open-water swimming community throughout New York City.

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Hudson River rescue after a passenger boat capsized - photo by Henry Kaden via ABC News

Photo: Henry Kaden, via ABC News - rescue response after the July 12, 2022 Hudson River capsizing

CHARTER SMARTER: ASK BEFORE YOU BOARD - LIVES DEPEND ON IT

Saturday night's deadly capsizing near the Statue of Liberty is an urgent reminder: a polished website, social-media page, luxury-car fleet, or confident operator does not make a charter legal-or safe. Federal prosecutors say the August 8 tour was an illegal charter: 14 people were aboard a 21-foot boat rated for 10, the operator did not hold a Coast Guard license, and the vessel had no life jacket suitable for the 5-month-old passenger. The infant and her 27-year-old mother died. Twelve others were rescued.

This was not an isolated warning. In July 2022, an unauthorized, overloaded tour boat carrying 13 people capsized in the Hudson River, killing a woman and a 7-year-old boy. In June 2025, 22 passengers escaped a charter boat that caught fire near the Bronx; three were injured. Three grave New York-area passenger-for-hire incidents in four summers are three too many.

These failures happen far too often-and the same warning signs keep appearing: unlicensed operators, overcrowding, inadequate safety equipment, and vessels being used beyond their lawful purpose.

Before paying a deposit or stepping aboard, ask to see the operating captain's current Merchant Mariner Credential and proof of participation in a compliant random drug-testing program. For an inspected passenger vessel, ask to see its current Certificate of Inspection and verify the permitted passenger count and operating route. For an Uninspected Passenger Vessel, ask whether it has completed the Coast Guard safety examination program and look for a current decal.

Confirm that a U.S. Coast Guard-approved, properly fitted, readily accessible life jacket is available for every passenger and suitable for that person's size. If an infant cannot be safely fitted with an approved device, do not take the infant aboard.

Do not accept excuses, screenshots, or vague assurances. A responsible operator will welcome these questions. If the answers are incomplete, inconsistent, or defensive, do not board. Your safety-and your family's safety-is worth walking away.

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Boat Delivery Services
Licensed-captain vessel delivery throughout New York Harbor, Long Island Sound and the Northeast.
AT A GLANCE
Clear starting rates
Local service From \$150/hour
Full delivery day From \$850
Owner-assisted From \$950/day

Graphic: Monty's Ark Adventures

PROFESSIONAL BOAT DELIVERY SERVICES

Moving a boat takes more than finding someone willing to take the helm. Monty's Ark Adventures now offers professional delivery services for qualifying powerboats-generally 35 to 45 feet and up to 25 gross tons.

Services may include marina-to-marina relocation, delivery of a newly purchased or sold vessel, seasonal repositioning, trips to repair or storage facilities, owner-assisted delivery, multi-day coastal delivery, and travel through unfamiliar waterways.

Based in the New York metropolitan area, Capt. Steve can review deliveries throughout Long Island Sound, New York Harbor, the East, Harlem, and Hudson Rivers, Long Island, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey coastal waters, and other Northeast destinations. Every request is considered individually based on the vessel, route, condition, insurance, crew needs, scheduling, and weather. Safe weather and marine conditions always come first.

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