



# Rental Boat Safety Checklist

Those required to complete a rental boat safety checklist must carry on board the co-signed (customer and rentor) section of the Rental Boat Safety Checklist as proof of competency for the duration of the rental. Please **initial** each box on the form as the subject is covered by the rental operator/outfitter.

I, the pleasure craft operator,

## BOATING SAFETY RULES

- confirm that there are the appropriate number and sizes of approved Personal Flotation Devices or Life Jackets in the boat for the number of people on board. They must fit and should be worn. I am aware that persons operating a pleasure craft without the appropriate number and sizes of approved PFDs or Life Jackets may be subject to ticketing and/or a fine.
- am aware that it is illegal to operate a pleasure craft, or to permit others to do so, when under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or barbituates.
- will only allow people who have completed and signed a Rental Boat Safety Check List, valid for the duration of this rental or have other proof of competency, to operate this pleasure craft. I am aware that persons operating a pleasure craft without proof of competency/age, may be subject to ticketing and/or a fine.
- have been shown how to use, and know the location of safety equipment required under the Small Vessel Regulations. I am aware that persons operating a pleasure craft without the required safety equipment may be subject to ticketing and/or a fine.
- understand that pleasure craft fitted with motors must keep clear of non-powered pleasure craft. I also understand that I am responsible for my own wake and wash and the effects that it can have on other pleasure craft, property, wildlife and the environment.
- when involved in an accident must stop, offer assistance and give identity.

## OPERATION OF THE BOAT

- am aware of how to responsibly operate a pleasure craft and to share waterways in a courteous and respectful manner with others involved in all water-related activity.
- confirm that the maximum load capacity and number of persons in the pleasure craft will not exceed the amount stated on the capacity plate. If a capacity plate is not fitted, the load capacity and number of persons shall not exceed the manufacturer's recommendation. I am aware of the proper way to distribute weight in the pleasure craft for a safe comfortable ride. I will keep my passengers in the safest positions at all times- always seated while underway.
- have been shown the proper procedure for starting and shutting off the engine and will make sure no person is in the water within the vicinity of the pleasure craft before starting and while running the motor.
- have been shown and understand the operation of the throttle and gear-shift lever.
- know where and how to operate the ignition cut-off (kill switch). While operating a personal water craft I will stay tethered to it at all times.
- am aware of how to respond to grounding, capsizing and reboarding.

## LOCAL HAZARDS AND CONDITIONS

- am aware of the local navigational aids and their meaning, as well as local hazards and local regulations.
- shall maintain a proper lookout at all times for other boats, navigational hazards and changes in weather conditions- changes in weather can occur quickly creating conditions dangerous to recreational boats.

## DAMAGES

- agree to be responsible for all damages to and loss of boat, motor and equipment during the rental of said items.
- Any and all such damages and/or missing items shall be determined by \_\_\_\_\_ management and at their discretion will form part of the unit's rental cost and be included in my account.

Customer Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Proof of Competency presented: Card # \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Init: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative of Rental Agency's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Init: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Boating Safety Messages

- \* Wear your Personal Flotation Device. Remember it won't work if you don't wear it. You must have one Canadian-approved personal flotation device or lifejacket of appropriate size for each person on board.
- \* When you're out on the water, abstain from drinking alcohol, the effects of alcohol on your body (due to the motion of the boat, sunlight, waves, wind, sound/noise, etc...) can be 3 times what they are on shore.
- \* Every year approximately 200 people die while boating in Canada. The same kind of fatalities are repeated each year and almost all are preventable.
- \* When operating a boat, use courtesy and common sense so as not to create a hazard, a threat, a stress or an irritant to yourself, to others, to the environment, or to wildlife.
- \* For further information contact the Boating Safety Infoline at 1-800-267-6687 or visit the Office of Boating Safety website at [www.boatingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca)