



RENTAL BOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST

A safety briefing checklist from Transport Canada and this Rental Company. **Check each box to confirm you understand each item the rental agent explained or demonstrated.**

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

BEFORE YOU GO



- There are enough lifejackets of the proper size for all people on board.
- I understand that each person on board should wear a lifejacket at all times.



- The rental agent reviewed a chart/map of the area and showed me the suggested route(s) for the rental period.



- The required safety equipment for this PWC is on board, in good working condition and easy to reach.
- I understand when and how to use the safety equipment on board.



- I have been made aware of any buoys and signs in the area and know their meaning.



- I must be at least 16 years old to operate this PWC.



- I have been informed of local hazards such as shallow water, submerged objects, currents, tides and weather patterns.
- I have been made aware of local rules and restrictions, such as speed limits and off-limit areas.

ON THE WATER



- When crossing the path of another boat, I will yield (give way) to the boat on my right, (starboard).



- I will keep constant watch for other boats, hazards to navigation and weather changes.
- I will obey all signs and buoys.



- If there **is** a threat of a collision, I will slow down, steer away and/or stop.



- I understand that alcohol and boating don't mix and may affect my judgement and ability to operate this PWC safely.
- I will not operate this PWC or allow anyone else to operate this PWC while under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs.



- When I meet another boat head-on I will steer to the right (starboard).



- I will operate this PWC at speeds that are safe for conditions.



- When overtaking another boat, I will pass to either the port (left) or starboard (right) side at a safe distance.



- I will remain clear of swimmers and will avoid creating any hazard that may affect people, wildlife, properties and other boats.
- I will not allow swimming, diving, sliding, or jumping from or near the PWC unless the motor is off, and the engine cut-off device is disconnected.



- I will yield (give way) to all non-motorized boats, including sailboats, canoes and kayaks. I will also stay clear of large commercial vessels.



- I know what to do if dangerous weather occurs.

IN AN EMERGENCY



- I know what to do if anyone falls overboard, if the engine breaks down, or if the PWC runs aground or capsizes.
- I know that I must stop and offer assistance in case of an accident or distress call.



- I know how to get help for a mechanical breakdown or other emergency.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

VESSEL SPECIFIC



- I know how to start and stop the engine, operate the throttle/gear shift, and safely steer this PWC.
- I have been shown how to safely fuel this PWC.



- I will respect the maximum load for this PWC, which is: ____ People ____ kg/lb People + Equipment.



- I will not operate this PWC unless the shut-off cord is securely attached to my wrist, lifejacket, or clothing so that if I fall overboard, the engine will stop.
- I will avoid making sharp turns and other manoeuvres that make it difficult for others to avoid colliding with me or to understand where I am going.



- If I capsize in open water, I understand I should swim to the rear of the PWC and turn in upright by rolling it in the direction shown on the decal located on the underside of the PWC.



- I will not ride at night, as I understand that my PWC does not have navigation lights.



- This PWC's unique handling characteristics have been explained to me.
- I understand that stopping the engine will not stop the forward motion of the PWC and that I will lose steering control when I release the throttle, or when the engine is turned off.



- I understand that the suction from the PWC jet drive intake can pull loose items into the engine, so I will keep loose objects away from the intake grate.

Use Only if Towing Is Permitted



- I understand that only PWC with seating for three may be used for towing.
- I will only use this boat for tow sports when there is a lookout in addition to the PWC operator and a seat for the person being towed.



- Those being towed should wear a lifejacket.
- I will ensure that anyone being towed remains at least 10 metres from the PWC while the engine is running.



- I will not engage in tow sports after dark.

A completed Rental Boat Safety Checklist is a valid proof of competency under the *Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations* when signed (by the customer and rental agent) AND carried on board for the duration of the rental.

- I agree to follow all applicable boating laws and regulations and will operate this boat in a safe manner.
- I will not allow anyone else to operate this boat unless they have a valid proof of competency (such as a Pleasure Craft Operator Card), AND meet the age and horsepower restrictions.
- I have been made aware of any additional requirements specific to this rental agency and I agree to follow these requirements.

Boat/Motor Type and Description:		Vessel Licence #:
Departure (date & time):		Return (date & time):
Area of Operation:		Total People Onboard:
Emergency contact for my area of operation:		Phone:
Customer Name (print):		Cell:
Customer Signature:		Date:
Rental Company Name:	Location:	Phone:
Signature of Rental Agency Representative:		Date:

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