



# 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.**

**WHEEL-STEERED**

## 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.



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



- The required safety equipment for this boat 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 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.



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

## 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 boat safely.
- I will not operate this boat or allow anyone else to operate this boat 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 boat 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 boat unless the motor is off, the keys are removed, and the propeller has stopped.



- 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 boat 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.

**VESSEL SPECIFIC**



- I know how to start and stop the engine, operate the throttle/gear shift, and safely steer this boat.
- I have been shown the engine cut-off device and understand how to use it.
- I have been shown how to safely fuel this boat.



- This boat's unique handling characteristics have been explained to me.
- I am aware of how to safely leave and return to the dock.



- I will anchor this boat from the front (bow).



- I can operate the navigation lights on this boat and will use them at night or when visibility is poor.



- I will not allow guests to sit on the swim platform, front, sides, or rear of the boat when it is moving.



- I am aware of the Carbon Monoxide (CO) danger zones on this boat and will take precautions to prevent CO poisoning.



- I will respect the maximum load for this boat, which is: \_\_\_\_ People \_\_\_\_ kg/lb People + Equipment.
- I will evenly distribute people and equipment on board.



- I will ensure that guests use caution when this boat is moving.
- I will instruct my guests to keep a firm grip on the boat and stay low if they need to move about.



- I am aware of the dangers of cold-water shock and hypothermia and know what to do if anyone falls into cold water.

**Use Only if Towing Is Permitted**

- I will ensure that all gear is stowed safely when not in use.
- I will only use this boat for tow sports when there is a lookout in addition to the boat operator and a seat for every person being towed.
- Those being towed should wear a lifejacket.
- I will ensure that anyone being towed remains at least 10 metres from the boat 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:
Signature of Rental Agency Representative:	Date:

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