



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



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



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

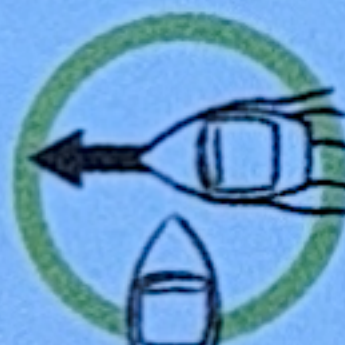


- ☐ I have been informed of local hazards such as shallow water, submerged objects, currents, tides and weather patterns.
- ☐ I have been made aware of local rules and restrictions, such as speed limits and off-limit areas.

ON THE WATER



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



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



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



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



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



- ☐ 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.



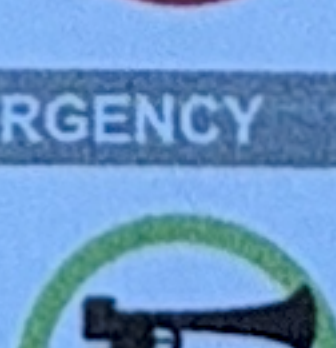
- ☐ I will operate this PWC at speeds that are safe for conditions.



- ☐ 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 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.

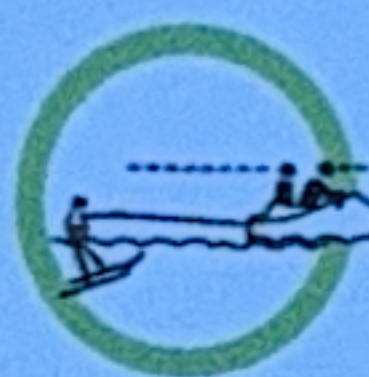


- ☐ This PWC's unique handling characteristics have been explained to me.
- ☐ I understand that stopping the engine will not stop the forward motion of the PWC and that I will lose steering control when I release the throttle, or when the engine is turned off.



- ☐ 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:

Acknowledgement: This checklist is adapted, with permission, from U.S. Coast Guard rental boat safety checklists.

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