



RENTAL BOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST

A safety checklist from Transport Canada and this Rental Company.

TILLER-STEERED

BEFORE YOU GO



- I confirm that 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 signage I may encounter in the area and know their meaning.



- I confirm that all required safety equipment for this type of boat is available, in good working condition and easy to access.
- I understand when and how to use the safety equipment on board this boat.



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



- I understand that using alcohol and/or other drugs may affect my 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.

ON THE WATER



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



- I will maintain a proper lookout for other boats, hazards to navigation and weather changes.



- IF I OR THE OTHER BOAT FAIL TO ACT, and there **is** a threat of a collision, it is **my** responsibility to slow down, steer away and/ or stop.



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



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



- I will remain clear of swimmers and will avoid creating any hazard that may affect people, wildlife, properties and other boats.



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

- I will obey all signage and buoys.
- 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 the actions to take should dangerous weather occur.

IN AN EMERGENCY



- I know the actions to take if anyone falls overboard, if the engine breaks down, or if the boat runs aground or capsizes.
- I know that I am required to stop and offer assistance in case of an accident or distress call.



- I know how to get help if there is a mechanical breakdown or other emergency.

VESSEL SPECIFIC



- I know how to start and stop the engine, operate the throttle/gear shift, and safely manoeuvre this boat.
- I have been shown the engine cut-off device and understand how to use it.
- I have been shown safe fuelling procedures for this boat.
- I have checked the drain plug and made sure it was properly secured.



- I will not exceed 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 all gear is stowed safely when not in use.



- This boat's unique handling characteristics have been explained to me.
- I understand the speed control for this boat is on the tiller, and it is possible to cause an abrupt and dangerous change of speed while turning.
- I understand slowing or turning too quickly can cause a wave to enter the rear (stern) of this boat, causing it to swamp or capsize.
- I am aware of how to depart and approach the dock in a safe manner.



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



- I will ensure that guests remain seated when this boat is in motion.



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



- I will instruct my guests to keep a firm grip on the boat and stay low if they need to move about.



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



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

Your 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.

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| Boat/Motor Type and Description: | | Vessel Licence #: | |
| Departure (date & time): | | Return (date & time): | |
| Area of Operation: | | | Total People Onboard: |
| Emergency contact information for my area of operation is: Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ | | | |
| Customer Name (print): | | | Cell phone #: |
| Customer Signature: | | | Date: |
| Representative of Rental Agency's Signature: | | | Date: |