



Rental Boat Safety Checklist

A completed Rental Boat Safety Checklist is valid proof of competency when signed (by customer and Living Water Adventures rental agent) AND carried on board during the rental period.

Initial on lines provided to confirm you understand each item the Living Water Adventures agent reviewed or demonstrated

✓ BEFORE YOU GO

You, the undersigned and the operator of this boat:

- confirm that there are enough life jackets of the proper size for all people on board
- understand that everyone on board should wear a lifejacket at all times
- are aware that it is illegal to operate a boat when under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- will not allow anyone else to operate this boat unless they have a valid proof of competency AND meet the age and horsepower restrictions
- confirm that all requirement safety equipment for this type of boat is available, in good working condition and easy to access
- understand when and how to use the safety equipment on board this boat
- have been informed of local hazards that present a risk such as shallow water, submerged objects, currents and weather patterns

✓ ON THE WATER (SEE BACK)

You, the undersigned and operator of this boat:

- have read the rules of navigation to be respected that are attached as part of this document

✓ EMERGENCY

You, the undersigned and operator of this boat:

- know the actions to take if anyone falls overboard, if the engine breaks down, or if the boat runs aground or capsizes
- know you are required to stop and offer assistance in case of an accident or distress call
- have been informed on how to get help if there is a mechanical breakdown or other emergency

✓ BOAT SPECIFIC

You, the undersigned and operator of this boat:

- know how to start and stop the engine, operate the throttle/gear shift, and safely maneuver this boat
- have been shown the engine cut-off device and understand how to use it
- have been shown safe refueling procedures for this boat
- have checked the drain plug and made sure it was properly secured
- are aware that turning may cause an abrupt and dangerous change of speed
- are aware that a wave can enter the rear (stern) of this boat if you try to stop too fast or turn too quickly, causing it to swamp or capsize
- are aware of how to depart and approach the dock in a safe manner
- know that you must anchor this boat from the front (bow)
- know when and how to operate the navigation lights
- have been informed that the maximum load capacity and the number of persons in this boat should not exceed the amount stated on the capacity plate
- have been informed about the proper way to distribute weight in the boat for a safe and comfortable ride and you will keep your guests in the safest positions at all times – always seated while underway
- are aware of the dangers of cold-water shock and hypothermia
- are aware of the safe distances in accordance with Michigan boating laws (see page 4, “Improper Distance”)

✓ DAMAGES

You, the undersigned and operator of this boat:

- agree to be responsible for all damages to and loss of boat, motor and equipment during the rental of said items.
- confirm that you will operate the boat in conformity with all applicable navigation laws and in a safe and secure manner.

Boat/motor type and description : _____

Boat rental ends at : _____

Boat number: _____

Area of operation: _____

Maximum number of persons allowed in boat : _____

Max weight allowed : _____

Customer name (print)

Customer signature

Date

Living Water Adventures agent name (print)

Living Water Adventures agent signature

Date

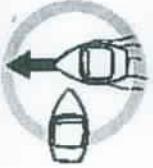
✓ ON THE WATER



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



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



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



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

✓ 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 know the actions to take should dangerous weather occur.



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



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



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



I have been made aware of any buoys and signage I may encounter in the area and know their meaning.

✓ IMPROPER DISTANCE

Michigan law designates the following dangerous operating practices as illegal.

Improper Distance is not maintaining a proper distance while operating a boat or towing a person. To maintain a proper distance when you are operating at greater than "slow, no wake speed" (except in channels that are not posted), the boat or persons being towed must not be within 100 feet of:

- A shoreline (if operating in water less than three feet deep)
- Any moored or anchored vessel
- A dock or raft
- Any marked swimming area or person(s) in the water

Improper Distance for Personal Watercraft (SeaDoo Spark) means that, if operating at greater than "slow, no wake speed," PWCs (SeaDoo Spark) also must:

- Stay at least 200 feet from any Great Lakes shoreline.
- Not cross within 150 feet behind another vessel other than another PWC.

