



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.**

TILLER-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 I understand how to use it.
- ☐ I have been shown how to safely fuel this boat.
- ☐ I have checked the drain plug and made sure it is properly secured.



- ☐ 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.



- ☐ 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 safely leave and return to the dock.
- ☐ I will ensure that all gear is stowed safely when not in use.



- ☐ 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 moving.



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



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



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



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

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:	