



# RENTAL BOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST

## PLEASURE CRAFT FITTED WITH A MOTOR

A completed Rental Boat Safety Checklist is valid proof of competency when signed (by customer and rental agent) AND carried on board during the rental period. Check the boxes to confirm you understand each item the rental agent/outfitter reviewed or demonstrated.

### ✓ BEFORE YOU GO

I, undersigned, the operator of this boat:

- confirm that there are enough lifejackets of the proper size for all people on board
- understand that everyone on board should wear a lifejacket at all times
- am 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)

- I, undersigned, the operator of this boat have read the rules of navigation to be respected and which appear on the reverse of this sheet

### ✓ EMERGENCY

I, undersigned, the 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 I am 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

### ✓ DAMAGES

- I, undersigned, the 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.
- I confirm that I 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: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date / hour)

Maximum number of persons allowed in boat : \_\_\_\_\_ Max weight allowed : \_\_\_\_\_

Customer name (print)

Customer signature

Date

Outfitter's representative signature

Outfitting establishment's name

✓ See back

### ✓ VESSEL SPECIFIC

I, undersigned, the operator of this boat:

- know how to start and stop the engine operate the throttle/gear shift, and safety manoeuvre this boat
- have been shown the engine cut-off device and understand how to use it
- have been shown safe fuelling procedures for this boat
- have checked the drain plug and made sure it was properly secured
- am aware that a turning may cause an abrupt and dangerous change of speed
- am aware that a wave can enter the rear (stern) of this boat if I try to stop too fast or turn too quickly, causing it to swamp or capsize
- am aware of how to depart and approach the dock in a safe manner
- know that I 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 I will keep my guests in the safest positions at all times – always seated while underway
- am aware of the dangers of cold-water shock and hypothermia and know what to do if anyone falls into cold water



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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.

✓ 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.



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



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.