

WATERCRAFT RENTALS

MOTORIZED SAFETY CHECKLIST



Oregon law requires that anyone who plans to operate this watercraft on their own, or who will be supervising other operators, must read and understand the information on this form or have an Oregon Boater Education Card. Anyone operating a rental watercraft who has not completed this checklist and/or does not have proof of completing this checklist on board when operating the rental watercraft will be in violation of state law and may be cited.

Rental Agency's Name _____

Operator's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Watercraft # _____

Date of Rental _____

LIFE JACKETS

I understand that children 12 and younger must wear a properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket whenever the boat is underway, and it must be approved for the _____ type of use.

I understand that life jackets need to be readily accessible at all times. I also understand that all life jackets must be properly fitted to the person, U.S. Coast Guard approved, and approved for the type of use. _____

NAVIGATION RULES

When there is a possibility of a collision, it is my _____ responsibility to slow down, stop, or steer away.

When two boats are approaching each other, I understand both boats should steer to their right _____ (starboard).

When overtaking another, I understand I should pass on the left (port) side if safe. Otherwise I _____ will need to pass on their right (starboard) side.

When crossing a path of another boat, I understand I need to yield to a boat on my _____ right (starboard) side.

BOAT CAPACITY

I understand the maximum number of persons on this boat will not exceed _____ people. People, equipment, and supplies cannot exceed _____ pounds.

OPERATION OF THE BOAT

EQUIPMENT

I understand the location of and how to use the following:

- whistle or manufacturer's horn;
- paddles or oars;
- bilge pump or bailer;
- throwable flotation device; and
- fire extinguisher.

AGE RESTRICTION

I understand a person must be 16 or older to _____ operate any watercraft greater than 10hp alone.

I understand that youth age 12-15 must be under direct supervision of an adult (16 years of age) when operating a boat greater than 10hp. _____

I understand no person under age 12 may _____ operate any motorboat.



OPERATION OF THE BOAT

_____ I understand how to safely start and stop the engine on the watercraft.

_____ I understand to make sure no person is in the water within the vicinity of the watercraft before starting and while running the engine.

_____ I understand shutting off the engine will not immediately stop forward motion of the boat.

_____ I understand how to use the gear-shift lever and throttle controls.

_____ If the watercraft is equipped with an engine cut-off switch lanyard, I should use it.

_____ I will operate within my limits; I understand aggressive maneuvers could cause loss of control, ejection, and/or collision.

_____ I will not jump waves, wakes, or make unnecessary sharp turns.

_____ If the boat capsizes, I understand to stay with the boat, if safe to do so, and signal for help.

_____ I will operate at safe speeds.

_____ I will keep a safe distance away from people, objects and other boats.

_____ I will operate at a slow-no wake speed (operating a boat at the slowest speed necessary to maintain steerage and that reduces or eliminates waves that appear as white water behind the boat), within 200' of boat ramps, docks or as marked.

_____ I understand the area in which I will be operating and will observe all navigational markers and signs.

_____ I understand I need to scan constantly for other watercraft, people, or objects in the water and be alert for conditions that limit my visibility

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY

_____ I understand that I am responsible for my wake and any damage it may cause to other boats, docks, people, wildlife, or the environment.

_____ I will not operate while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. I know it is dangerous and illegal and punishable by a fine of up to \$6,250 and up to one year in jail.

_____ I understand I need to be alert at all times and avoid being distracted.

ACCIDENT REPORTING

_____ I understand as the operator I MUST report any incident involving:

- Damage to a boat and other property totaling \$2,000 or more;
- Injuries to any person requiring treatment beyond first aid;
- Complete loss of any boat; or
- Death or disappearance.

_____ I understand any incident resulting in death or injury MUST be reported within 48 hours and incidents involving only damage must be reported within 10 days to the Oregon State Marine Board.

TOWING RESPONSIBILITIES

_____ I understand that you must have a designated observer (a person other than the driver of the boat) to continuously observe the person(s) being towed.

_____ I understand that the red or orange skier-down flag must be raised when skier is in the water.

_____ I understand any towed watersport is prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WATERCRAFT AND ITS OPERATION?

I have been instructed on and understand the rules and information provided in this watercraft rental safety checklist. I will follow all rental agency rules and boating laws when operating this watercraft.

OPERATOR

Operator Name _____

Operator Signature _____

Gender Male Female X DOB _____

Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____

RENTAL AGENCY

Name of Rental Agency _____

Name of Rental Agency Employee _____

Issue Date _____ Time/Date Due _____

OR # _____

**YOU MUST CARRY THIS ON BOARD WHEN OPERATING RENTED WATERCRAFT.
PERSONS WHO OPERATE WATERCRAFT WITHOUT COMPLETING THE SAFETY CHECKLIST MAY BE CITED.**