



MOTOR VESSEL RENTAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

MANDATORY FOR ALL PERSONS OPERATING A RENTAL MOTOR VESSEL 15HP OR GREATER.

Washington State law (RCW 79A.60.640) requires that the motor vessel safety operating and equipment checklist be reviewed with all persons renting, chartering or leasing a motor vessel with 15 hp or greater. Washington Administrative Code (WAC 352-78-090) requires that anyone operating a rental motor vessel must carry their issued copy of this checklist.

Name of Rental Agency _____

Vessel Operator Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Vessel WN# _____ Date of Rental _____

Body of Water _____ Rental Agent _____

Note: Those operating a motor vessel other than a Personal Watercraft (PWC) may skip the PWC Only section. Those operating a PWC must complete all sections. Local regulations may impose additional requirements for operating a rental motor vessel.

Protective Clothing/Equipment

Life jackets Don't Work If You Don't Wear Them

Operators Initials _____

- Children 12 and younger must wear their life jacket when aboard any boat that is under 19' in length and on any PWC.
- Others should wear appropriately-sized life jacket or have one readily accessible at all times.
- The rental agency must provide a US Coast Guard approved type I, II or III life jacket to all motor vessel operators and occupants.



PWC ONLY PWC Operators and Riders

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- Anyone riding a PWC is required to wear an appropriately-sized US Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times.
- It is recommended you wear a wet suit (or wet suit bottom) while operating a PWC. Additional protective equipment (eyewear or footwear) may also be needed.



Know Your Boat...Continued

Know Operational Controls

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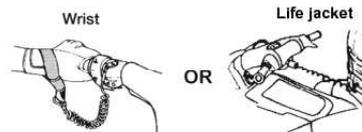
- The throttle controls your speed. Apply the throttle lever to accelerate and release or pull down to slow down. On PWCs and other waterjet-powered vessels, you need throttle to steer.
- The rental agent should demonstrate proper use of gear-shift lever and throttle controls.
- The rental agent should demonstrate how to re-fuel your motor vessel.



Keep Lanyard Attached- Required by state law.

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If motor vessel is equipped with a kill switch, securely attach engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your wrist or life jacket (as directed) and wear it at all times. Then if you fall off the motor vessel, the engine will stop.



Know Your Boat

Don't Overload Your Boat

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The maximum number of persons on this vessel will not exceed _____ people. People and supplies can not exceed _____ pounds.



Know How to Operate Safety Devices on Your Vessel

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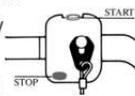
Know the location of and how to use the following: whistle or horn; paddles or oars; anchors; bilge pump or bailer; throwable flotation device, and fire extinguisher. (These items may not be on all motor vessels).



Know How to Start and Stop the Engine

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- The rental agent should show you how to safely start and stop the engine on your vessel.
- Make sure no person is in the water within the vicinity of the motor vessel before starting and while running the engine.
- Stopping the engine will not immediately stop the forward motion of the vessel.
- On waterjet-powered motor vessel and PWCs, stopping the engine will not stop the forward motion of the boat and **WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF STEERING.**



Avoid Collisions and Other Accidents

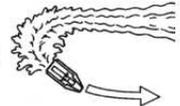
Take Early Action to Avoid Collisions

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Remember boats do not have brakes.

Waterjet-Powered Motor Vessel and PWC

Do not release throttle when trying to steer. You need throttle to Steer.



Boat Safe = Boat Sober!

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Operating any vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is dangerous and illegal, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and up to one year in jail.



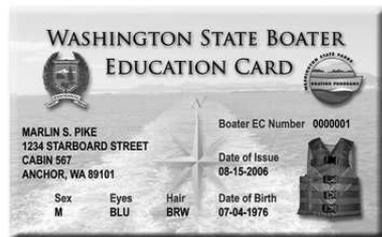
Operate Defensively

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- Operate at safe speeds. Watch where you are going at all times.
- Keep a safe distance away from people, objects and other boats (including PWCs).
- Do not follow directly behind a PWC or other vessels.
- Do not go near others to spray or splash them with water.
- Approach and depart the dock and shore at slow-no wake, maximum of 5 mph speed.



GET AHEAD OF THE CLASS! PASS THE COURSE, GET THE CARD!



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