

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY CHECK

REGISTRATION NO. _____ OWNER/OPER TAKEN AUX PE CLASS? YES ___ NO ___
 OWNER/OPERATOR NAME _____ FIRST TIME EXAM FOR OWNER/OPER? YES ___ NO ___
 _____ OWNER/OPER INTERESTED IN JOINING THE
 DATE ISSUED _____ DECAL # _____ AUXILIARY? YES ___ NO ___
 STATE WHERE EXAMINED _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____
 FAILURE ITEMS: (CIRCLE) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

TEAR OFF

SEAL OF SAFETY CHECKLIST	YES	NO	N/A OR EXEMPT
1. NUMBERING: (Proper spacing, contrasting color, minimum 3" high) _____			
2. REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS (Registration papers must be on board) _____			
3. SOUND PRODUCING DEVICE (Whistle or horn. A means to attract attention) _____			
4. WEARABLE PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD) Wearable PFD for each person, minimum 50 MPH impact rate) _____			
5. FIRE EXTINGUISHER (One CG approved B-1 extinguisher readily available) _____			
6. VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS (VDS) (When in distress, means of attracting attention) _____			
a. INLAND SIGNALS (For inland areas and lakes) (Orange, red flag or other day VDS) _____			
b. OFFSHORE SIGNALS (For coastal, offshore & Great Lakes) (CG approved distress signal, not expired) _____			
7. BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTER (Approved type, tight installation, clean) _____			
8. FUEL SYSTEM (Tanks secure, hoses marine type, in good condition) _____			
9. ELECTRICAL SYSTEM (Batteries secure, terminals clean and covered, system organized) _____			
10. DEFAULT / OVERRIDE SYSTEM (Engine kill or self-circling device not overridden) _____			
11. OVERALL VESSEL CONDITION (Vessel clean, well maintained) _____			
12. STATE REGULATIONS (Vessel complies with all state regulations, where operating)			

DISCUSSION ITEMS: For your safety and responsible operation	DISCUSSED
A. RULES OF THE ROAD (Owner / operator understands basic Rules of the Road) _____	
B. RESPONSIBLE FOR WAKE (Owner / operator understands rules for wake and damage to others) _____	
C. SAFE OPERATION (Owner / Operator understands safe operation near swimming areas or other vessels) _____	
D. OPERATOR INSTRUCTIONS (Owner knows NOT to allow others to use this vessel without proper instructions of basic safety, Rules of the Road and responsible operation) _____	
E. ACCIDENT REPORTING (Accidents involving death, serious injury or property damage over \$500 must be reported to state authority. Know rules for reporting any accident or injury. Call 800-368-5647 for more information)	

Additional comments:
 This checklist is furnished for your information. There is no assumption of liability of any kind for either advice given or any opinions expressed in connection with this examination. By accepting the PWC decal the owner agrees to maintain boat and equipment to the standards of safety exhibited during this examination. Please remove decal if the PWC is sold.

Registration Number: _____
 Owner/Operator name _____

 Signature of Examiner _____ Member Number _____
 Your Auxiliary contact is _____
 Phone _____

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY CHECK U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

A free voluntary service from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE AUXILIARY offers pleasure boaters the opportunity to join other skippers in further training, voluntary operations for and with the Coast Guard and the fellowship of boaters with mutual interests.

Know Before You Go

The Personal Watercraft Safety Check is one of several services performed by members of the Auxiliary, a civilian, non-military arm of the U.S. Coast Guard. Public education classes are also offered by the Auxiliary. They include Boating Skills and Seamanship, Advanced Coastal Navigation, Sailing and Seamanship, youth courses and Personal Watercraft Safety.

To take a Coast Guard Safety Boating Class, call 1-800-336-BOAT or your local Auxiliary unit.

Award of a PWC decal may qualify your PWC for an insurance premium discount. See your agent.

Coast Guard Customer Infoline

800-368-5647

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for Information

U.S. Department
of Homeland Security

United States Coast Guard

- Join the Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Information on boating.
- Safety recalls.
- To report possible defects in boats.
- To comment on U.S.C.G. boating procedures.
- For answers to boating questions.
- For boating safety literature.

Before leaving the dock review these simple procedures

EMERGENCY BOATING PROCEDURES

- Inform all passengers of emergency procedures - - - review this list.
- Identify emergency equipment: fire extinguishers, distress signals.
- Locate ignition switch, power switches, fuel valves, and associated equipment.
- Recommend each passenger wear a Personal Flotation Device (life jacket) while underway.
- Leave a float plan with a friend or relative.

Radio Procedure

- Contact the Coast Guard. Use channel 16 (Marine Radio) or call on Cellular Phone.
- If equipped with CB Radio call emergency channel 9.
- Give the PWC, registration number, radio call sign.
- Identify the PWC by description and color.
- Give your location or compass heading to a known point.
- Describe the emergency - stay calm.

Leaks or Damage Control

- Ensure Personal Flotation Device (life jacket) is worn properly,
- If hull is damaged stay with the PWC, it will not sink.

Fire or Explosion

- Go overboard with Personal Flotation Device.
- Leave hatches closed.
- Move away from the PWC.
- Use radio procedure above, calling MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY.
- Get signaling flares or flags.
- Throw any flotation material overboard.
- If you abandon PWC, stay together, use distress signals when help is in sight.
- Gather additional flotation material around you.

Man Overboard

- Shout "MAN OVERBOARD" - continuously watch person in the water, so you can maneuver to retrieve.
- Don't jump in the water to assist.