

Competency of Operation of Pleasure Craft:

The Customer Must Comply With the Following Guide Lines and Rules

1. Comply with principal boating safety rules;
2. Know the operation of the rented pleasure craft;
3. Consider local hazards and conditions;

CUSTOMERS NAME: _____

INITIALS: _____

Function 1: Comply with principal boating safety rules

Task 1: The customer must be aware of the obligations to comply with acts, regulations and code.

- 1.1 The operator of the rented pleasure craft may be subjected to ticketing and a fine if he/she operates the craft: Without the appropriate number and sizes of approved personal flotation devices or lifejackets; Without proof of competency or proof of age; Without the required safety equipment;
- 1.2 The operator of a rented pleasure craft cannot operate a craft while impaired and under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or barbiturates.
- 1.3 The operator of a rented pleasure craft shall only allow persons who:
Have completed, and signed a Rental Boat Safety Check List through our staff, valid for the duration of the rental agreement.
- 1.4 The operator of the rented pleasure craft has an obligation to stop, offer assistance and give his/her identity when involved in an accident.
- 1.5 The operator of the rented pleasure craft must be aware of local regulations regarding:
Areas of prohibited vessels; Areas of speed limits; or other boating restrictions;
- 1.6 The operator of the rented pleasure craft must carry the appropriate number and sizes of approved personal flotation devices or lifejackets in the boat for the number of persons on board.
- 1.7 The operator of the rented pleasure craft shall take early and substantial action to keep well clear of non-powered craft.

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Task 2: Use the required safety equipment;

- 2.1 The operator of the rented pleasure craft should always wear approved personal flotation devices or lifejackets to prevent drowning.
- 2.2 Be able to locate and use the safety equipment required under the Small Vessel Regulations on the rented pleasure craft.

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Function 2: Operation of the rented pleasure craft:

Task 3: The customer must be able to operate the rented pleasure craft

- 3.1 The operator must be able to start and shut off the engine of the rented pleasure craft.
- 3.2 The operator or the rented pleasure craft fitted with a motor shall not start or run the engine of the craft when persons are in the water within the vicinity of the craft.
- 3.3 The operator must be able to locate and operate the throttle and gearshift lever on the rented pleasure craft.
- 3.4 The operator must be able to locate and operate the ignition cut-off (kill) switch on the rented pleasure craft.
- 3.5 The operator or the rented personal watercraft shall stay at all times tethered to the ignition cut-off (kill) switch.
- 3.6 The operator must be able to operate the pleasure craft to depart and approach the dock:
 1. without damaging the craft;
 2. without damaging the dock;
 3. without causing injuries to persons onboard; and
 4. without causing injuries to persons ashore.

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Task 4: The operator must act responsibly in the operation of a rented pleasure craft

- 4.1 The operator of the rented pleasure craft shall maintain a proper lookout at all times by sight and hearing:
 1. To evaluate the risk of collision with other vessels in the area;
 2. To detect navigational hazards; and
 3. To monitor changes in the weather conditions.
- 4.2 The operator must know that changes in weather can occur quickly and create conditions dangerous to the operation of the rented pleasure craft.
- 4.3 The operator of a rented pleasure craft shall not overload the craft in excess of the recommended gross load capacity or the equivalent number of adult persons as indicated on the plate attached to the craft.
- 4.4 The operator of the pleasure craft should position the persons onboard and the gear so as to evenly distribute the weight.
- 4.5 The operator of the pleasure craft should keep the load as low as possible onboard the craft.
- 4.6 The operator of the pleasure craft should inform the persons onboard on:
 1. The Importance of keeping oneself low, on the centre line, and holding on to a rigid part of the craft while moving around onboard; and
 2. The importance of keeping one's hands, arms and legs inside the craft when approaching or leaving the dock.
- 4.7 The operator of the rented pleasure craft shall at all times proceed with caution at a speed such that the wake and wash will not adversely affect:
 1. Other vessels such as docked vessels, rowboats, canoes or kayaks;
 2. The operator must adjust the speed of the craft so that the wake and wash avoids injuring persons, erosion of the shoreline or damage to property; and
 3. Other users of waterways such as swimmers, bathing beaches, divers or areas of anchorage.
- 4.8 The operator of a rented pleasure craft is responsible for his/her action and shall:
 1. Stay well clear of swimmers and properties;
 2. Use courtesy and common sense so as not to create a hazard, a threat, a stress or an irritant to themselves, to others, to the environment, or to wildlife.

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Task 5: Respond to emergencies

- 5.1 Know the following actions to take in response to a rented pleasure craft that capsizes or grounds:
 1. Don personal flotation devices or lifejackets;
 2. Stay with the craft when appropriate;
 3. Account for persons onboard;
 4. Use or exhibit signals to indicate distress and need of assistance if necessary.
- 5.2 The operator of the rented pleasure craft, to retrieve persons in the water, should use:
 1. Buoyant heaving lines;
 2. Lifebuoys; and
 3. Re-boarding devices.

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Function3: Consider local hazards and conditions

Task6: The operator must consider the local hazards

- 6.1 The operator must know that the following local water hazards that may impede the operation of a rented pleasure craft, which could increase the risk of causing injuries or loss of life to persons onboard. Such as; Rapids; Sudden Winds; Currents; White Water; Overhead Cables; Underwater Cables; Bridges; Rapids build up of high wave conditions; or Other local navigational obstructions.
- 6.2 The operator must know the meaning of the aids to navigation in the area of operation of the rented pleasure craft such as buoys, beacons, ranges, posted command signs, and warning signs.

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The customer has read and understands the following guidelines and rules listed above.

Operators Signature _____

Employees Signature _____

Harrison Watersports Inc. staff has provided the following competency of operation for our pleasure craft vessels to the operator and the operator understands the guidelines as indicated. I understand that if I do not operate this water vessel in a complete safe manner, and by the following rules as outlined by Harrison Watersports Inc. staff, I will lose my deposit and may be subjected to ticketing and other related fines.

Boat/Motor Type and Description: _____

Duration of Rental: Hours _____

Time Out _____

Time Due Back _____

Maximum Number Persons Permitted in Boat: _____

Operator of Vessel / Customer Name Print: _____

Customer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Representative of Rental Agency's Signature: _____