



# RENTAL BOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST

A safety briefing checklist from Transport Canada and this Rental Company. **Check each box to confirm you understand each item the rental agent explained or demonstrated.**

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## BEFORE YOU GO



- There are enough lifejackets of the proper size for all people on board.
- I understand that each person on board should wear a lifejacket at all times.



- I have been made aware of any buoys and signs in the area and know their meaning.



- The required safety equipment for this boat is on board, in good working condition and easy to reach.
- I understand when and how to use the safety equipment on board.



- I have been informed of local hazards such as shallow water, submerged objects, currents, tides and weather patterns.
- I have been made aware of local rules and restrictions, such as speed limits and off-limit areas.



- The rental agent reviewed a chart/map of the area and showed me the suggested route(s) for the rental period.

## ON THE WATER



- When crossing the path of another boat, I will yield (give way) to the boat on my right, (starboard).



- I will keep constant watch for other boats, hazards to navigation and weather changes.
- I will obey all signs and buoys.



- If there **is** a threat of a collision, I will slow down, steer away and/or stop.



- I understand that alcohol and boating don't mix and may affect my judgement and ability to operate this boat safely.
- I will not operate this boat or allow anyone else to operate this boat while under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs.



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



- I will operate this boat at speeds that are safe for conditions.



- When overtaking another boat, I will pass to either the port (left) or starboard (right) side at a safe distance.



- I will remain clear of swimmers and will avoid creating any hazard that may affect people, wildlife, properties and other boats.
- 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.



- 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 know what to do if dangerous weather occurs.

## IN AN EMERGENCY



- I know what to do if anyone falls overboard, if the engine breaks down, or if the boat runs aground or capsizes.
- I know that I must stop and offer assistance in case of an accident or distress call.



- I know how to get help for a mechanical breakdown or other emergency.

