



Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission - Boating Programs

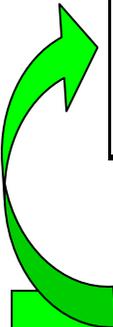
How to use the Motor Vessel Rental Safety Checklist



Operator Copy

Motor boat rental agency personnel must review the contents of the checklist with every person who operates a rental motor boat, as specified in *RCW 79A.60.640*, to ensure that each statement about operation and safety equipment is understood. A new checklist must be used each time a person rents a motorboat, even if one was reviewed with that person earlier in the summer. The renter/operator must review the checklist and initial each item on both sides of the checklist. We recommend the following method for checklist review.

1. Give the renter/operator a copy of the checklist before you begin the dock-side safety briefing.
2. Explain to the renter/operator in reasonable detail each safe operating statement and each required safety equipment statement.
3. Be sure the renter/operator initials in the space provided after each statement is explained.
4. Draw attention to the images and statements on the checklist to help reinforce the information you feel is most important for local waters.
5. Ask the renter/operator if there are questions regarding safe and responsible operation.
6. Explain to the renter/operator that only those persons who have completed the checklist are permitted to operate this rental motorboat. Others who will be operating the rental motorboat must request and complete their own checklist.
7. Explain that all persons operating a rental motorboat must keep the Operator Copy (upper portion) of the checklist with them at all times when the motorboat is being operated.
8. Explain that law enforcement officers are checking rental boat operators and that the Operator Copy of the form must be available for inspection while on the water.
9. Each copy of the Operator and Rental Agency Checklist has a reference number for inspection and enforcement purposes.



Tear along dotted line
Top portion is to be carried by the **Operator**

Bottom portion is for **Rental Agency's** business records

Rental Agency Copy

The lower portion of the form is for the Rental Agency records. Please be sure the form is completed correctly and keep this portion of the form available for inspection during the time when the motorboat is under rental agreement.

The state statute does not specify the length of time a motorboat rental agency must keep their copy. The Rental Agency should establish terms of retention for documentation and business purposes.