

# **LAKE EDGE COTTAGES RENTAL BOAT SAFETY CHECK LIST**

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*I, the pleasure craft operator:* \_\_\_\_\_

## **BOATING SAFETY RULES**

1. confirm that there are the appropriate number and sizes of approved Personal Floatation Devices or Life Jackets in the boat for the number of people on board. They must fit and should be worn. I am aware that persons operating a pleasure craft without the appropriate number and sizes of approved Personal Floatation Devices or Life Jackets, may be subject to ticketing and a fine.
2. am aware that it is illegal to operate a pleasure craft, or to permit others to do so, when under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or barbiturates.
3. will only allow people who have completed and signed a Rental Boat Safety Check List, valid for the duration of this rental or have other proof of competency, to operate this pleasure craft. I am aware that persons operating a pleasure craft without proof of competency/age, may be subject to ticketing and a fine.
4. have been shown how to use, and know the location of safety equipment required under the Small Vessel Regulations. I am aware that persons operating a pleasure craft without the required safety equipment, may be subject to ticketing and a fine.
5. understand that pleasure craft fitted with motors must keep clear of non-powered pleasure craft. I also understand that I am responsible for my own wake and wash and the effects that it can have on other pleasure craft, property, wildlife and the environment.
6. when involved in an accident must stop, offer assistance and give my identity.

## **OPERATION OF THE BOAT**

7. am aware of how to responsibly operate a pleasure craft and to share waterways in a courteous and respectful manner with others involved in all water-related activities.
8. confirm that the maximum load capacity and number of persons in the pleasure craft will not exceed the amount stated on the capacity plate. If a capacity plate is not fitted, the load capacity and number of persons in the pleasure craft shall not exceed the manufacturer's recommendation. I am aware of the proper way to distribute weight in the pleasure craft for a safe and comfortable ride and I will keep my passengers in the safest positions at all times - always seated while underway.
9. have been shown the proper procedure for starting and shutting off the engine and will make sure no person is in the water within the vicinity of the pleasure craft before starting and while running the motor.
10. have been shown and understand the operation of the throttle and gear-shift lever.
11. know where and how to operate the ignition cut-off (kill) switch, am aware of how to depart and approach the dock in a safe and proper manner.
12. am aware of how to respond to grounding, capsizing, and re-boarding.

## **LOCAL HAZARDS AND CONDITIONS**

13. am aware of the local navigational aids and their meaning, as well as local hazards and local regulations.
14. shall maintain a proper lookout at all times for other boats, navigational hazards and changes in weather conditions – changes in weather can occur quickly creating conditions dangerous to recreational boats.

**Boat/Motor Type and Description:**

**Duration of Rental:**

**Maximum Number Persons Permitted in Boat:**

**Customer Name (print):**

**Customer Signature:**

**Date:**

**Representative of Rental Agency's Signature:**

**Date:**

## PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATOR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Persons less than 12 years of age and not directly supervised, may operate a pleasure craft with no more than 10 hp power (*Fishing Boats*)

Persons between 12 and 16 years of age and not directly supervised, can not operate a pleasure craft with more than 40 hp (*Pontoon Boat*)

All operators born after April 1, 1983 require Proof of Competency to operate a pleasure craft fitted with a motor.

### BOATING LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### As performed by policing agencies and the Ministry of Natural Resources

We supply the required safety equipment for our boats (*50' floating rope, waterproof flashlight, sound signaling devise/whistle & bailer*), and we have a quantity of approved Personal Floatation Devices (*PFD's*), which are also required (*one per person on board, of appropriate size, in good condition*). The following are fines (*zero tolerance*) for disregarding the safety regulation:

Operating a vessel in a careless fashion: \$ 250.00  
Speeding (*channel speed zones = no wake*): \$ 100.00  
Operating a power-driven pleasure craft without the required Operator's Card: \$ 250.00  
Insufficient number of approved, appropriately sized PFD's on board: \$ 200.00 for each absent devise

Furthermore, the following behaviours are offences under the Criminal Code of Canada:

Operating a vessel dangerously.  
Operating a vessel while impaired.  
Failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

### LAKE EDGE RULES

No open alcohol on board.

Please, no smoking on board. First, it can be dangerous with the gasoline on board and second, any damages to the boat due to careless smoking are your responsibility (*shop rates for repairs are currently \$75/hour labour plus materials/parts*).

No tubing or waterskiing behind any of our boats. They are neither designed, nor sufficiently powered for this activity. Again, you are responsible for any damages to the boat and motor, while it is in your care.

Following are the maximum capacities for our boats:

*Fishing Boats* 4 persons or 500 lbs.  
*Pontoon Boat* 8 persons or 1200 lbs.

Operating an overcrowded boat can be perceived as operating a vessel in a careless fashion (*\$250.00 fine*).

Any propeller damage is your responsibility, while the boat is in your care. The following are current rates for repair or replacement of boat motor propellers:

<i>Fishing Boats</i> Repair:	\$ 60.00	<i>Pontoon Boat</i> Repair:	\$ 100.00
Replacement:	\$ 150.00	Replacement:	\$ 200.00

Any other boat and/or motor damage will be your responsibility and subject to the current shop rates for labour and materials/parts.