

WATERCRAFT SAFETY

SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!!

A day on the lake is a lot of fun for family and friends and great memories for years to come. Whether it be fishing, water skiing, jet skiing or pleasure cruising the lake brings a calming connection to nature and complete relaxation.

Activities on and in the water can be fun and safe as long as we take precautions, are vigilant, are sober and alert and respectful of other boaters, property owners and our passengers.

At Lake Country Adventure Co. Rentals we want you to have a good time but more importantly we want you and your loved ones to be safe. With that in mind we recommend that all operators obtain their pleasure craft operator's card through an accredited training provider. We have provided two links to two different providers.

We strongly recommend that you take the course if you don't have one or if you feel you need a refresher. This is a more comprehensive course than was introduced years ago and there is real value in the information and process in protecting you and your family.

As an extra incentive we will offer to pay \$25.00 toward your course in the form of a discount applied to your first rental provided the course has been completed in 2017. Just bring a hard or soft copy of your certificate or card and we will take \$25 off the rental.

<https://www.boat-ed.com/canada/>

<http://safeboatingcourse.ca/>

For those who do not have an approved Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator Card, there will be on site instruction and review of safety, rules and operation of the watercraft.

We also recommend for renters of PWC that they review the instructional video from Sea-Doo prior to your rental period. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJMGdjjGwtY&t=83s>



Boating Safety & Operational Check

- 1. When operating a watercraft and you see other boaters or swimmers in distress it is your duty to come to their assistance.
- 2. When in an accident on the water or collision with another boater you must stop, offer assistance and provide your identification.
- 3. I understand that the wake, wash (turbulent water) at the rear of the boat from the propeller can cause harm to people, other watercraft and shorelines. When in confined waterways I will slow to reduce wake and its impact.
- 4. I understand that larger boats, less maneuverable boats/sailboats, non-motorized boats or canoes or kayaks all of the right of way over powered smaller boats.
- 5. I understand that every person on board must have an approved lifejacket and should wear it for their own safety and to avoid tickets.
- 6. I understand that there is a limit or a capacity limit to the number of passengers and weight in the boat and I will not overload it. I will review the manufacturer's capacity rating and abide by it. I will also distribute the load of the boat evenly so as not to distort the design of the boat.
- 7. I understand that only authorized persons are allowed to operate the watercraft and who have completed this checklist and who are noted on the rental agreement.
- 8. I understand that no-one can operate the watercraft under the influence of any alcohol or drug or other impairment.
- 9. I have been shown the location and use of the safety equipment on board and will return all such equipment at the completion of its use
- 10. I understand that I will always take great care when starting the boat to make sure there are no swimmers or occupants in front or in rear of boat or watercraft. Serious injuries are possible
- 11. I have been shown and understand the location of the throttle and gear shift lever.
- 12. I understand that I should vent the engine compartment before starting the watercraft to avoid an explosion of fumes/vapors
- 13. I understand how to shut off and kill the engine if required

14. I understand that steering a PWC is only possible with propulsion and with the engine off I will have no steering control. I will always be tethered to the kill switch while operating the PWC

15. When docking I understand that I should approach at a very low speed and at angle to the dock of less than 45 degrees. Passenger hands and feet should be inside the boat when docking.

16. Grounding a PWC or boat can have serious consequences to the mechanical condition of the engine and to the safety of the occupants. A PWC should have the engine off in water less than 18" deep. When in marked channels I will obey the navigational aids and when close to shorelines I will be very aware of depth changes and potential for prop damage.

17. I understand that as an operator of a watercraft it takes 100% of my attention and I will be vigilant for objects in water, people, passengers, other boats and changing weather conditions. In the event of a change in weather I will make way for the safest location close to shoreline if there isn't time to return to port.

18. I understand that operation of a vessel or watercraft including a PWC is subject to Federal and Provincial offences and it is the responsibility of the operator to operate the vessel safely with consideration to all other boaters and property owners and to be knowledgeable about the safe operation and the environment or location where they are boating

19. I understand that I must keep a signed original of this document and the rental agreement with me at all times while operating the rental

I have had instruction on each of these topics and agree to abide by all rules and regulations as provided

Name of Operator _____ Signature _____
(Please print) (Date)

Rental period from _____ to _____

Boat/Motor Type and description and H/P _____

Maximum number of passengers in boat/PWC _____

Lake Country Adventure Co. Inc. Representative _____

