

Lake Norman Rental Boat Pre-Rental/Pre-Ride Checklist

		Operator Responsibility: Operator is responsible for the safe and proper operation of the vessel; Avoid careless, reckless and negligent operation of vessels; Effects of alcohol, controlled substances and stressors. Ensure that there are sufficient and appropriate PFDs (Personal Floatation Device) for all passengers and require all passengers under the age of 13 wear a PFD at all times unless they are in an enclosed cabin.
Renter	Instructor	
		Boater Education: A Boater Safety and Education Course is required for all boat operators born after Jan 1st, 1988. Renter/Operator has proof that they meet this requirement. Operator must show proof of compliance.
Renter	Instructor	
		Vessel Characteristics: Review specific operational characteristics of the vessel being leased or rented.
Renter	Instructor	
		Navigation Rules: Maintain a proper lookout; Keep a safe distance from other vessels and objects; Operate at a safe speed for the conditions; location and environment; Operate in a defensive manner; Follow requirements to give way to other vessels and vessel right of way.
Renter	Instructor	
		No Wake Zones: All of Lake Norman has a no-wake zone within 150 feet of any dock, bridge, marina, boat ramp, and within 100 feet of a law enforcement/emergency vessel that is displaying a flashing blue light. No wake speed is idle speed or a speed creating no appreciable wake.
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		Aids to Navigation - Local Waterway Characteristics: Understand and abide by all Buoys and other waterway markers. Review unique waterway characteristics where the rented vessel is intended to be operated, to include: Navigational hazards; Boating restricted areas; Water depths, Exclusionary Zones, Rafting Ordinances.
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		Weather Awareness: Recognize weather and/or water conditions and proper responses to those changes.
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		Waterskiing/towing floats: Know and understand all requirements for operating a vessel while a person is waterskiing or participating in similar activities.
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		Safety Equipment/Warning Labels: Know the location of safety equipment and understand their operation. Understand all manufacturer warning labels.
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		Emergency Procedures: Review procedures for boarding, falling off, capsizing, taking on water, re-boarding and procedures for dealing with these situations.
Renter	Instructor	
		Boating Accidents: Causes and prevention of accidents; Legal requirements: remain on-scene, render assistance, report incident to NC Wildlife Resources Commission.
Renter	Instructor	
		Noise/Loud Music/Nuisances Discuss boating etiquette and courtesies and being a responsible boating neighbor.
Renter	Instructor	
		Check Ride: Conducted an on-the-water demonstration and check ride to verify the prospective operator's ability to safely operate the vessel to be leased or rented.
Renter	Instructor	
		Personal Watercraft
		Specific personal watercraft (PWC) safety requirements: Required to wear PFD; Required use of kill switch lanyard; Location of sound producing device and fire extinguisher; Minimum age to legally operate; Lawful hours of operation
Renter	Instructor	
		I hereby acknowledge I have provided the required pre-rental and pre-ride instruction as specifically acknowledged above.
Date:		<i>Name of rental boat Instructor and signature</i>
		I hereby acknowledge I have received the required pre-rental and pre-ride instruction as specifically acknowledged above, and I understand the rules and information provided in this orientation.
Date:		<i>Name of Renter and signature</i>