

Instructions to Students Taking the Certification Exam

This exam consists of multiple-choice questions. Using a sharpened #2 pencil, fill in the box that corresponds to the correct answer of each question on the answer sheet. Follow the instructions in the box on the Certification Exam Answer Sheet to submit your exam for grading.


All answers must be your own. No reference materials may be used or other assistance sought while you are taking the exam. Any unanswered questions will be considered as incorrect answers. If you change an answer, be sure to erase the first answer completely.


NOTE—As you take this exam, you will see the abbreviation: PWC for personal watercraft.

Multiple Choice—Select the best answer:

- How should a vessel's registration number and validation decal be displayed?
 - on both sides of the stern of the boat
 - on only the starboard side of the boat
 - on both sides of the forward half of the boat
 - on only the port side of the boat
- What is most important when selecting the right life jacket for a passenger?
 - total number of passengers on board
 - color of the life jacket
 - passenger's body weight and chest size
 - passenger's age and gender
- What important safety information is found on a boat's capacity plate?
 - minimum number of life jackets required to be on board
 - minimum number of seats for the operator and passengers
 - maximum weight and/or number of people the boat can carry safely
 - maximum capacity of the fuel tanks
- What is the best way to find out about hazards on a local waterway?
 - Consult a nautical chart.
 - Consult a topographical map.
 - Ask someone who went there last year.
 - Listen to your favorite radio station.
- According to Nevada law, what operators are required to have passed an approved boating course in order to operate a vessel powered by a motor over 15 horsepower?
 - operators born on or after January 1, 1989
 - operators born on or after January 1, 1986
 - operators born on or after January 1, 1983
 - operators born on or after January 1, 1980
- What determines how many life jackets are required on a vessel?
 - number of persons on board
 - ages of the persons on board
 - length of the vessel
 - type of waterway
- Everyone on board a vessel should understand basic safety practices. Who is responsible for ensuring this?
 - the vessel operator
 - the dock attendant
 - the most experienced passenger
 - an adult at least 18 years of age
- Where is the best place to store a fire extinguisher on a boat?
 - in the engine compartment
 - in a locked storage compartment
 - mounted in an accessible location
 - mounted in the bilge
- When should a life jacket be discarded and replaced?
 - when it fits snugly
 - when it is slightly torn
 - after it has been used 20 times
 - after someone borrows it
- What effect does alcohol have when you are operating a vessel?
 - makes it easier to pay attention
 - helps you perform multiple tasks
 - helps you avoid dehydration
 - increases the likelihood of accidents
- When boating on federally controlled waters in an 18-foot boat, what equipment are you legally required to have on board?
 - blue-and-white International Code Flag A (or Alfa flag)
 - U.S. Coast Guard-approved visual distress signals (VDSs)
 - Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)
 - compass and map
- What sound-producing device(s) is required when boating on Nevada waters in an 18-foot powerboat?
 - none
 - whistle, horn, or other mechanical sound device
 - whistle or other mechanical sound device and a bell
 - whistle, a horn, and a bell
- Which of these provides a warning that dangerous weather is approaching?
 - clear, sunny skies and no wind
 - drop in wind speed and calm water
 - white clouds and gentle waves
 - dark clouds and shifting winds
- What is one part of a regular vessel and engine maintenance program?
 - storing the vessel in the sun to keep it dry
 - checking the oil level before every outing
 - cleaning the hull with a phosphate detergent
 - using coarse sandpaper on aluminum hulls

15. How should you approach the dock when docking your vessel?
 - a. into the wind or current, whichever is stronger
 - b. with the wind or current, whichever is stronger
 - c. at regular operating speed without slowing down
 - d. between other vessels in heavy traffic
16. What should you do before fueling your boat?
 - a. Turn off the engine, and open all windows, ports, doors, and other openings.
 - b. Turn off the engine, and close all windows, ports, doors, and other openings.
 - c. Turn on the engine, and open all windows, ports, doors, and other openings.
 - d. Turn on the engine, and close all windows, ports, doors, and other openings.
17. Where should your trailer be located while you prepare to launch your vessel?
 - a. on your driveway at home
 - b. in front of a vessel being launched
 - c. in the water at the boat ramp
 - d. well away from the boat ramp
18. How can propeller strike accidents be avoided?
 - a. Turn on the engine when passengers are boarding.
 - b. Let passengers ride on the bow while underway.
 - c. Turn off the engine when passengers are boarding.
 - d. Have children watch out for each other.
19. Which of the following is a reason that a boat operator may be directed by an officer to return to shore?
 - a. displaying navigation lights in the fog
 - b. not having enough fuel in the bilges
 - c. having life jackets that are the wrong color
 - d. not having enough life jackets on board
20. What is the best way to minimize the risk of drowning while boating?
 - a. Have everyone wear an appropriate life jacket at all times.
 - b. Put on your life jacket after you are in the water.
 - c. Allow on board only those persons who pass a swim test.
 - d. Make sure you have a lifeguard on board your vessel.
21. Which of these should you leave with a friend or relative before taking an extended outing on the water?
 - a. operator's license
 - b. insurance policy
 - c. vessel registration certificate
 - d. float plan for your trip.
22. What should the vessel operator tell everyone on board before departing?
 - a. how far the vessel can go without running out of fuel
 - b. where to find the life jackets and fire extinguishers
 - c. what time they should expect to return to dock
 - d. what food and drink are on board the vessel
23. What is the main function of an engine cut-off switch?
 - a. to shut off the engine if the operator is thrown overboard
 - b. to shut off the engine when the PWC or boat is beached
 - c. to prevent operation by unauthorized persons
 - d. to prevent theft when the PWC or boat is left unattended
24. In Nevada, how far must a vessel operating at more than "no wake speed" stay from a person swimming?
 - a. 200 feet
 - b. 150 feet
 - c. 100 feet
 - d. 50 feet
25. How does the effect of alcohol consumed while boating compare to the effect on land?
 - a. about the same effect whether on land or out boating
 - b. much greater effect while boating
 - c. much greater effect when on land
 - d. slightly greater effect when on land
26. Which is true about operating a boat in Nevada while intoxicated?
 - a. Drinking alcohol is not considered to be dangerous.
 - b. Operating while under the influence does not carry penalties for a first offense.
 - c. By operating a vessel on Nevada waters, a boater has consented to alcohol testing if an officer has reasonable suspicion.
 - d. A boater paddling a canoe is less likely to be affected as much as someone operating a motorboat.
27. When two vessels are operating in the same general area, who is responsible for avoiding a collision?
 - a. the operators of both vessels
 - b. the operator of the stand-on vessel
 - c. the operator of the give-way vessel
 - d. the operator of the smaller vessel
28. How do you know when you are operating your vessel at a safe speed?
 - a. No other vessels are passing you.
 - b. You are not overtaking any other vessels.
 - c. You are going slower than vessels towing skiers.
 - d. You have enough time to avoid a collision.
29. What is the main purpose of the lateral system of red and green buoys and markers?
 - a. to show the outer boundaries of federally controlled waterways
 - b. to provide traffic control devices for commercial vessels
 - c. to mark the edges of safe water areas
 - d. to provide convenient mooring locations

30. According to Nevada boating law, which of these is considered legal operation?
- operating a vessel such that the rope towing a skier passes over another vessel
 - operating a vessel while a person is teak surfing behind the vessel
 - operating a vessel at 5 mph within a marked swimming area
 - operating a vessel at 5 mph while 200 feet from a swimming float
31. When is a sailboat under sail the give-way vessel when encountering a power-driven vessel?
- when the sailboat is crossing ahead from the starboard (right) side
 - when the sailboat is crossing ahead from the port (left) side
 - when the sailboat is overtaking the power-driven vessel
 - when the two vessels are moving in opposite directions
32. What should a vessel operator do to make sure everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency?
- Throw a passenger overboard unexpectedly.
 - Explain what to do as an actual emergency occurs.
 - Have everyone take a written exam until they can pass it.
 - Conduct an emergency drill with the passengers.
33. According to Nevada law, who must be on board, in addition to the operator, if the vessel is towing a skier?
- an observer at least 14 years of age to observe the progress of the person being towed
 - an observer at least 14 years of age to watch for other boats or obstacles in the area
 - an adult at least 18 years of age
 - an adult at least 24 years of age
34. What is indicated by a white marker with an orange crossed diamond and black lettering?
- exclusion or keep-out area, such as a dam
 - controlled area, such as a no-wake zone
 - information, such as places to find food
 - danger or hazard, such as rocks
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35. Why is carbon monoxide gas dangerous?
- It is flammable and ignites easily.
 - It creates a cloud that blocks your view of other vessels.
 - It causes corrosion on electrical connections that can cause sparks.
 - It is colorless, odorless, and tasteless and can be fatal.
36. A recreational vessel is approaching a U.S. Naval vessel. At what distance from the U.S. Naval vessel must the recreational vessel slow to minimum speed?
- 200 yards
 - 300 yards
 - 400 yards
 - 500 yards
37. What must an owner do before allowing others to operate his or her vessel?
- Check the weather forecast for the day.
 - Have them read the owner's manual and pass a test.
 - Make sure they know how to operate it safely.
 - Make sure they have a valid driver's license.
38. What should you do to reduce the risk of falling overboard?
- Stand up when changing seats.
 - Move around while underway.
 - Keep two points of contact if you move.
 - Keep centered in the boat.
39. What should a motorboat operator do when someone is being pulled into the boat from the water?
- Put the engine in forward gear at the slowest speed.
 - Put the engine in reverse gear at the slowest speed.
 - Keep the engine idling in neutral.
 - Turn off the engine.
40. What is the first action required of a boat operator who witnesses a boating accident?
- to provide assistance
 - to keep out of the way
 - to write an incident report
 - to wait for rescue personnel
41. Which condition requires that you report a boating accident to the Nevada Department of Wildlife?
- Your boat breaks down and requires on-the-water repairs.
 - You witness a boating accident from shore.
 - Your boat is stopped, and you are arrested for boating under the influence.
 - Damage to your boat is more than \$2,000 as the result of a boating accident.
42. Under which condition is a person at the greatest risk of developing hypothermia?
- after being in the wind for a long time
 - when deprived of liquid
 - when exposed to cold air
 - when immersed in cold water
43. What should you do immediately if a boat motor catches on fire?
- Turn the stern of your boat into the wind.
 - Shut off the fuel supply, and try to put out the fire with an extinguisher.
 - Abandon the boat, and swim to shore.
 - Turn on the ventilation system to remove gasoline vapors from the bilge.
44. If your inboard/outboard boat runs aground, what action should you take in addition to shifting the weight away from the point of impact?
- Stop the engine, and lift the outdrive.
 - Put the boat in reverse, and gun the engine.
 - Put the boat in forward, and gun the engine.
 - Keep the engine running, and drop the anchor.

45. Which action may cause the loss of steering ability in a PWC?
- running at maximum throttle
 - letting off the throttle control
 - over-steering
 - under-steering
46. According to Nevada law, how old must a person be to operate a PWC?
- 16 years of age
 - 14 years of age
 - 12 years of age
 - 10 years of age
47. According to Nevada law, during what hours is it legal to tow a person behind a boat on water skis or other device?
- between two hours before sunrise and two hours after sunset
 - between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset
 - between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset
 - between sunrise and sunset
48. What should a vessel operator do to keep a proper lookout?
- Listen to your vessel's engine.
 - Listen to the passengers talking.
 - Watch for navigational hazards.
 - Watch for good fishing locations.
49. Which of the following combination of two acts committed simultaneously would **not** be considered reckless operation of a PWC?
- operating at six lengths of a longer vessel away from that vessel when both vessels are operating at greater than "no wake speed" and operating in the area of a vessel in a way that obstructs the other operator's visibility
 - swerving when there is no risk of collision with a longer vessel while four lengths of that vessel away from the vessel and operating in the area of a vessel in a way that obstructs your visibility
 - while within five lengths of a longer vessel away from that vessel, turning sharply when the maneuver is not necessary to avoid a collision and heading into the wake of the vessel so that more than half of your PWC leaves the water
 - while three lengths of a longer vessel away from that vessel, heading into the wake of the vessel so that half of your PWC leaves the water and maneuvering quickly away from the vessel when there is no risk of collision
50. According to Nevada law, during what hours is it illegal to operate a PWC unless it is equipped with the required navigation lights?
- between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.
 - between sunset and sunrise
 - between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise
 - between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise
51. Why should a vessel operator keep a proper lookout?
- to locate fuel
 - to appreciate nature
 - to avoid collisions
 - to stay on course
52. What should paddlers do to protect against capsizing their canoe or kayak?
- Keep a low center of gravity and three points of contact.
 - Stand up in the craft while getting ready to dock.
 - Lean one shoulder over the side while paddling.
 - Move to the side of the craft closest to the shoreline.
53. What should anglers and hunters do when they are fishing or hunting from a boat?
- Anchor in the middle of the waterway.
 - Wear a life jacket at all times.
 - Keep clothing to a minimum.
 - Take along extra food and gear.
54. According to Nevada law, children of what age are required to *wear* a USCG-approved life jacket whenever underway in a vessel unless they are in a fully enclosed area?
- those under 11 years old
 - those under 12 years old
 - those under 13 years old
 - those under 14 years old
55. What determines if a speed is safe for your boat?
- type of engine
 - shoreline conditions
 - visibility conditions
 - amount of fuel available
56. What should the operators of a PWC and a motorboat do when approaching head-on?
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- Both vessels should turn to starboard (right).
 - Both should maintain course and swerve to port (left) at the last moment.
 - The motorboat should turn to starboard (right), and the PWC should turn to port (left).
 - The motorboat should turn to port (left), and the PWC should turn to starboard (right).
57. When must navigation lights be displayed?
- at night when there is a risk of collision
 - only when adrift at night
 - from sunset to sunrise and when visibility is restricted
 - only when you are anchored or in fog
58. What could happen if you anchor a boat from the stern?
- The anchor line may get tangled.
 - It may cause the boat to swamp.
 - The anchor can't hold firmly.
 - The anchor is difficult to retrieve.
59. Visibility is restricted due to fog. What should the vessel operator do to avoid the risk of a collision?
- Speed up as much as possible to go around other vessels.
 - Reduce speed to the minimum needed to stay on course.
 - Sound two long blasts with a sound-producing device.
 - Maintain the same speed until the other vessel is visible.
60. What should you do if you fall overboard into cold water?
- Try to reboard your boat even if it is swamped.
 - Remove any unnecessary clothing.
 - Tread water or swim around to generate heat.
 - Try to float on your stomach with legs extended.



Certification Exam Answer Sheet

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mark your answers to the exam on the form below.
2. Fill out the information below. Please print.
3. Read, sign, and date the declaration to the right.

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Hair Color: Brown Black Blond Red Gray None

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Please read the following declaration carefully and sign below:

I hereby declare that I have reviewed the study materials in the *BOAT NEVADA* course. Furthermore, I have completed, on my own and without assistance from any other person, the *BOAT NEVADA* exam as represented by my answers on this exam answer sheet. I understand that failure to comply could jeopardize my certification.

Signature

Date

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Multiple Choice

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