

Retention Study Questionnaire

Thank you for agreeing to participate in an important study that will help improve boating safety courses. Your score on this questionnaire will not affect your certification status. By agreeing to be a part of this study, you are agreeing to be contacted by e-mail in four months by researchers at Human Resources Research Organization for the follow-up survey. At that time, you will receive a \$7 rebate towards the cost of your course as well as be eligible to win one of 20 inflatable life jackets or a \$500 VISA check card.

In order to reach you for the follow-up survey, please provide your name and contact information on the lines below along with the answers to a few brief questions.

Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Is this the first time you have taken this boating safety course? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered no, how many times have you taken it in the past? _____

Why did you choose to take this course? (Check all that apply)

- To become a safer boater
- State requirement
- Save money on insurance
- Court order
- Other _____

4. What is the USCG-approved meaning of "serviceable condition" for PFDs?
 - a. straps and zippers work
 - b. proper size and fit
 - c. the ability to turn a person face up
 - d. must be within easy reach
5. How many fire extinguishers are required aboard an 18-foot powerboat with installed fuel tank(s)?
 - a. none
 - b. one
 - c. two
 - d. three
6. What does the letter "B" on a B-1 fire extinguisher indicate?
 - a. the type of fire it is designed to extinguish
 - b. the size of the extinguisher
 - c. the capacity of the extinguisher
 - d. the type of extinguisher mount to be used
7. What is the minimum number of minutes you should run the blower after refueling?
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three
 - d. four

Directions: Please circle the entire correct option for each question. If you make a mistake, please erase or scratch completely through your incorrect answer so that only the correct answer is circled.

1. Registration numbers on the forward half of the boat must be at least how many inches high?
 - a. two
 - b. three
 - c. four
 - d. five
2. A float plan should contain what information?
 - a. a pre-departure checklist
 - b. a national weather service storm listing
 - c. Coast Guard emergency radio frequencies
 - d. a date and time to contact the authorities
3. When selecting a PFD, what should be the most important consideration?
 - a. size
 - b. price
 - c. color
 - d. uniformity
4. In what part of the boat are gasoline fumes most likely to accumulate?
 - a. bow
 - b. stern
 - c. bilge
 - d. cockpit
5. What safety precaution should you take while filling the fuel tank of a gasoline-powered boat?
 - a. open all doors, windows, and portholes
 - b. keep engines, motors, and fans turned off
 - c. keep a water hose running to wash away spills
 - d. only allow smoking downwind of the fueling
6. When can a Navigation Rule be overlooked?
 - a. when operating in less than 50-feet off shore
 - b. in good visibility during the day
 - c. if necessary to avoid immediate danger
 - d. in calm waters and clear weather

11. To stop the spread of aquatic nuisance species, when is the best time to clean your boat?
- before you leave home
 - when you get back home
 - before leaving the ramp area after boating
 - prior to launching at a different waterway
12. What is the proper technique for anchoring?
- over the stern.
 - from the bow.
 - over the port side.
 - from the starboard quarter.
13. A boat operating in a narrow channel is required to keep as close as is safe to what side of the channel?
- starboard side
 - port side
 - leeward side
 - windward side
14. The USCG requires which type of fire extinguisher to be on-board a PWC?
- Type A
 - Type B
 - Type C
 - Type D
15. What is the purpose of the safety lanyard on a PWC?
- to keep a throwable PFD from falling overboard
 - to keep the operator from falling overboard
 - to secure the PWC to its trailer to prevent theft
 - to shut off the engine if the operator falls overboard
16. Which is a characteristic of low head dams?
- They pose hazards both above and below dams.
 - They pose few hazards to inboard-powered boats.
 - They may be crossed safely at a 45-degree angle.
 - They usually have strong currents just above them.
17. Regulatory and informational markers are easily identified through which features?
- vertical black and white striping
 - triangular shape and red lettering
 - yellow square or triangular symbol
 - white color with orange geometric shapes
18. Under which conditions do most boating accidents occur?
- during late evening or nighttime rain
 - during sudden lightning or thunderstorms
 - during calm, clear weather with light winds
 - during rough water with strong winds
19. If you are in a boating accident involving an injury requiring medical attention, whom must you notify?
- your marina owner
 - your insurance agent
 - the U.S. Coast Guard
 - the state boating authority
20. What should you do if your boat capsizes?
- swim for shore
 - stay with the boat
 - swim toward the last vessel you passed
 - tread water to reduce the risk of hypothermia
21. According to the Navigation Rules, what factor should be considered in determining a safe speed?
- the amount of fuel
 - the state of visibility
 - the maximum speed of the vessel
 - the number of passengers
22. Which of the following is the major cause of fatalities involving small boats?
- being run over by large boats
 - being swamped by waves and sinking
 - falling overboard and drowning
 - loading the boat with too many people
23. Where should you aim a fire extinguisher's stream when extinguishing a fire?
- At the top of the fire and use little motion.
 - At the center of the fire and use a circular motion.
 - At the edge of the fire and use a rapid motion.
 - At the base of the fire and use a sweeping motion.
24. According to the Navigation Rules, what is the give-way vessel's responsibility?
- to maintain course and speed
 - to take early and substantial action to keep well clear
 - to use hand signals to communicate to the passing vessel
 - to keep astern of the other vessel
25. While water skiing, what is the preferred form of communication between the skier and the observer?
- hand signals
 - verbal commands
 - rope signals
 - water ski positions

I agree to participate in this study and understand that my answers and contact information will not be distributed. In addition, I agree to participate in the follow-up survey when I am contacted via e-mail in four months.

Signature

Date