

Practical boating experience log

Date Oldest Date 1st	Area Name of Waterway	Experienced Skipper details (An experienced skipper is a person who holds, as a minimum, a current and valid NSW or interstate boat driving licence and has at any stage held a boat driving licence for at least three (3) consecutive years)			Signature of Experienced Skipper
		Name	Boat or Jetski Licence No.	Phone Number	
Trips – minimum 3 ROWS		Note: Trips carried out between sunset and sunrise are optional. Only trips undertaken within 12 months of the date of applying for the boat licence will be recognised for the purpose of satisfying practical experience requirements.			
DECLARATION: I declare I have completed a minimum of 3 trips in a power-driven boat under power, and I have completed the 'Boating Licence Practical Experience' section. I understand the nominated experienced skipper(s) may be contacted to verify information given in this log and my licence may be cancelled if information provided is found to be incorrect or untrue.					
Applicant's Full Name:				Date:	
Applicant's Address:				Date of Birth:	
Applicant's Signature:				Contact Mobile:	

Boating licence practical experience		Skipper Initial	Trainee Initial
1 Carry out trip preparation and planning			Applicant
1.1 Maintain the boat and safety equipment			
Discuss the need for the boat to be maintained/serviced on a regular basis.			
Discuss requirements for safety equipment to be carried and identify what safety equipment is required for the vessel.			
Trainee to review safety equipment purpose, location, service requirements and appropriate stowage.			
1.2 Mooring, berthing and trailers			
Discuss need for mooring/berthing apparatus to be maintained/serviced on a regular basis.			
Discuss elements of launch and recovery of trailer vessel if applicable.			
1.3 Plan trip			
Skipper to discuss trip planning and need to check:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weather Suitability of vessel for trip including conditions (weather, etc) Number of passengers allowed accounting for equipment/gear (food/esky etc) Emergency contact details That you have let someone know where you are going That person is informed of safe return. 			
Trainee to prepare a trip plan using this checklist.			
2 Safely operate a mechanically powered recreational boat			
2.1 Manoeuvre and handle boat			
Pre-start check carried out... at least one to be carried out by Trainee.			
Motor prepared for start and started by trainee.			
Trainee to manoeuvre the boat in various conditions and in accordance with key messages of:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper lookout Safe speed Stay on right Awareness of boat impacts (eg wash, noise and discharge). 			
Drills undertaken:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive boat forward and astern Approach and departure from buoy, jetty, beach and trailer (if using). 			

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Initial

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2 Safely operate a mechanically powered recreational boat

Applicant

2.2 Navigation

Skipper describes navigations aids (port and starboard buoys, cardinal buoys, signage), and their purpose.

Skipper discusses collision avoidance techniques.

Trainee shows capacity to determine hazards and boating conditions when navigating the boat whilst underway.

2.3 Anchor the boat

Trainee selects safe anchorage site in accordance with prevailing and forecast conditions and in accordance with legislation.

Trainee selects correct type of anchor for location.

Anchor is lowered, set and monitored according to prevailing conditions by the trainee.

Anchor is retrieved and securely stowed by the trainee.

3 Respond to boating emergencies and incidents

3.1 Use safety equipment

Discuss nature, type, location, accessibility and serviceability of safety equipment.

Safety equipment use appropriate to a range of emergencies is discussed.

Trainee to put on a lifejacket.

3.2 Raise alarms

Discuss communicating alarm to passengers.

Discuss different kinds of emergency and how to identify.

Discuss use of distress signals (waving for assistance, v-sheet, flares, radio, mobile phone, EPIRB).

3.3 Deal with on-board emergency

Skipper discusses actions required to deal with an emergency situation including managing the emergency & protecting passengers.

Discuss how a boat's position is identified, recorded and communicated to emergency services along with passenger details and nature of emergency

Discuss how assistance is summoned from other boats nearby.

Discuss providing assistance to injured persons.

Discuss how communication with rescuers is maintained.

Discuss how to prepare for abandoning the boat, if required.

Discuss communicating end of emergency to appropriate personnel.

3.4 Assist others in distress

Undertake man overboard simulation drill.

Discuss how distress signals from others are recognised and nature of assistance required is identified.

Discuss capability to safely assist or relay emergency taking into account own safety and physical proximity to the emergency incident.

Discuss how appropriate response to an emergency is prepared for and implemented.

Discuss communicating cessation of emergency incident to appropriate personnel.