

Personal Watercraft CSBC SmartBoater Checklist



TRIP PREP:

- Marine Weather Forecast
- Float Plan

Leave float plan with a responsible person.

Without navigation lights PWCs, cannot be legally operated between sunset and sunrise.

PACK:

- Lifejackets/PFDs
- Safety Equipment
- PCO Card & Picture ID
- Marine Charts
- Good to Have Items

One properly fitting, Canadian government-approved lifejacket/PFD in good condition for each person.

Inflatable PFDs are not legal for PWCs

Good to have:

- Sunscreen and Protective Clothing
- Snacks and Water.
- Compass & Portable Marine Radio
- Tools & Spare Parts (i.e. Hoses, clamps, spark plugs)

INSPECT:

- Safety Equipment
- Bilge for Water\Oil & Smell of Fuel
- Hoses
- Engine Oil Level
- Sufficient Fuel
- Intake Port for Clogs
- Fire Extinguisher

Cracks in hoses indicate potential failure

Fuel Rule of Thumb: 1/3rd out, 1/3rd back, plus 1/3rd spare)

BRIEF PASSENGERS:

- Put Lifejackets / PFDs on
- Duties, as applicable, including keeping watch
- Location / Use of Safety Gear

ON WATER:

Watch for:

- Hazards/Other Boats
- Cloud, Wind / Wave Changes

If a marine radio is available, check periodically for updated marine weather forecasts.

Watch for approaching storms.

END OF TRIP:

- Close Float Plan