

Trial competency based practical exam checklist



Student's name: _____

Date of assessment: _____

Assessor's name: _____

Vessel identification: _____

One negative in Task 1 and you fail

Task 1. Operate the vessel safely

During the entire assessment you must obey the relevant rules, regulations and good order practices and ensure the vessel is safe and is safely operated within the rules and regulations.

- Minimises the impact of the vessel on others and the environment.
- Applies the procedures, rules and regulations.
- Ensures the vessel carries all the required safety equipment.
- Monitors the vessel and people on board.
- Demonstrates good seamanship skills for weather conditions.

Two attempts are permitted in Tasks 2 - 12

Task 2. Vessel secure and suitable for use

"Show me that your vessel is secure and your mooring lines and equipment are in good condition".

- Berthing/mooring lines are in good condition.
- Berthing/mooring cleats, bits, etc are sound and secure.
- Vessel is secured using the lines and cleats.

Task 3. Safety briefing

"Please conduct a safety briefing for crew."

- Different types of safety equipment are pointed out.
- Location of the safety equipment is identified.
- Checks are made by the skipper to ensure that the information is understood by all on board.

Task 4. Motor is prepared and started safely

"Conduct your pre-start checks and start your motor."

- Fuel system is checked:
checks ventilation (inboards); checks fuel lines are connected and open; and checks fuel levels are appropriate.
- Cooling system is checked: checks coolant levels if fitted; and checks intakes are open/clear.
- Electrical system is checked: checks power is on; and checks safety lanyard (if fitted).
- Engine is started: motor in neutral; checks safe to start; motor is started; and checks motor and water pump are working satisfactorily.

Task 5. Skipper advises of voyage plan

"Please log on for our voyage."

- Vessel's name, registration number or call sign.
- Departure point and time.
- Destination and trip intentions.
- Number of persons onboard.
- Amount of fuel carried.

Task 6. Safety departing berth

"Please depart the berth."

- Checks that it is safe to depart.
- Allows for wind and current during departure.
- Departs the berth with little or no impact to the berth.
- While departing does not impede any other vessels.
- Uses appropriate revs.
- Demonstrate smooth and timely use of gears.
- Mooring lines are stowed/replaced/secured.

Task 7. Retrieve a simulated man overboard

"Respond to a 'man overboard' situation."

- Turns the vessel towards the 'man overboard'.
- Simulates the throwing of a floatation aid.
- Ensure a visual watch is maintained on the 'man overboard'.
- Completes turn so as to retrieve person from down wind/current.
- Approaches at an appropriate speed.
- Stops vessel down wind/current of 'man overboard'.
- Stops engine before retrieving 'man overboard'.
- Retrieves the 'man overboard'.

Task 8. Use a transit to steer a steady course

"Identify the objects that you will be using as a transit and steer a steady course along it."

- .Notifies the authorised assessor of the objects used for the transit to fix the vessel's course.
- Steers a steady course for 30 seconds using the transits.

Task 9. Performs a controlled stop at 5 knots

"Bring your boat to five knots travelling in a straight line. When I say stop, you are to complete a controlled stop safely within two boat lengths."

- Checks that it is safe to perform controlled stop.
- Shouts an appropriate warning to crew.
- Reduces engine revs
- Engages neutral.
- Engages reverse
- Uses appropriate revs to stop vessel.
- Stops the vessel within two boat lengths.

Task 10. Vessel is safely navigated and secured beside a berth

"At the berth ahead, please safely navigate and secure the vessel alongside."

- Checks that it is safe to perform manoeuvre.
- Does not impede other vessel.
- Selects the appropriate side of the vessel to lay alongside as a result of wind/current observations.
- Approaches berth at appropriate speed.
- Approaches berth at appropriate angle
- Smooth and timely use of gears.
- Uses appropriate revs.
- Arrives at berth with little or no impact.
- Secures vessel to berth.

Task 11. Skipper advises of safe return

"Please log off for our voyage."

- Provides vessel's name, registration number or call sign.
- Advises of safe return.

Task 12. Anchoring

"Please anchor the boat and test to see if it is holding"

- Group determines length of line necessary for depth of water, effects of tide and safety for other vessels in area
- Individual in group lowers anchor hand over hand while other individual engages reverse using appropriate revs to secure vessel.
- Group determines anchor is not drifting

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Please comment on the following tasks and add any other comments.

Task 1. Operate a vessel safely

Task 2: Demonstrate that a boat is secure and suitable for use

Task 3: Conduct a safety briefing

Task 4: Motor is prepared and started safely

Task 5: Skipper advises of voyage plan

Task 6: Safely departing a berth

Task 7 Safely retrieve man overboard

Task 8: Use a transit to steer a steady course

Task 9: Perform a controlled stop at 5 knots

Task 10: Vessel is secured beside a berth

Task 11: Skipper advises of safe return

Task 12: Anchoring

Other (Don't hold back)