



Sea Scouting Forms: Annual Boat Safety Checklist

**ANNUAL BOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST**

(For Council Authorization to Operate BSA Vessels)

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Make/Model/Manufacturer/or Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Include the year built if known

State Registration Number and/or Hull Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial numbers do not take the place of this information.

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Measure the uppermost continuous deck between the  
inside of the stern post to the inside of the stem post (USCG  
specifications)

Kind of Propulsion: \_\_\_ Gas/diesel powered \_\_\_ Sailboat  
\_\_\_ Power supplemented sailboat

Over 50' classification, indicate where the boat is docked (name of  
pier and city): \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK:**

\_\_\_ 1. In compliance with an annual USCG Auxiliary Courtesy Marine  
Examination and "Seal of Safety" decal displayed on boat.

\_\_\_ 2. In compliance with minimum and maximum number of persons  
carried aboard (See Guidelines on Back).

\_\_\_ 3. Have determined which additional equipment is appropriate for  
this boat as outlined on page 33 of the USCG publication  
titled *Federal Requirements and Safety Tips for Recreational  
Boats* and/or other items as described on page 5-83,  
under *Boating Safety* in the *Sea Scout Manual*,  
No. 33239A. USCG Boating Safety Hotline is 800-368-5647 for  
literature and questions.

\_\_\_ 4. Vessels over 30' in compliance with a "Condition Survey" every  
four years by a recognized or certified Marine Surveyor.  
Date of Survey: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 5. Adult leader (Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
operating BSA vessel has completed the basic boating safety course from:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Organization/USCG Licensed)

**APPROVAL:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Council Designee)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Adult Boat Operator or Unit Leader)

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**GUIDELINES FOR MAXIMUM PERSONS CARRIED ABOARD**

Use the information contained on the capacity plate attached to the boat, or if capacity plate is missing, use the formula below to determine the maximum number of persons to be carried:

$$\frac{(\text{Length X Width})}{15}$$

**GUIDELINES FOR MINIMUM PERSONS CARRIED ABOARD**

**1- Sailing vessels under 26 feet LOA:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Operator
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Experienced person
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Other crew member

**2- Sailing vessels 26 feet and longer:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Operator
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Experienced person
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Other crew members

**3- Power vessels under 26 feet LOA:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Operator
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Experienced person

**4- Power vessels 26 feet and longer:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Operator
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Experienced person
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Other crew member

**5- Power vessels not having engine controls at the steering station shall require at least one additional crew member to provide for engine control.**

**6- When a vessel is cruising for more than 12 hours of continuous operation, these minimum crew guidelines**

**will be doubled to provide two (2) watches.**

**7- The actual evaluation for minimum and maximum crew will consider the number of persons carried, the waters being cruised, and the general arrangement, and size of the vessel.**

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