

Boat Safety Test Questions

1. The best way to prevent striking a swimmer with a moving boat propeller is to do what?
 - a. Place the engine in neutral but keep hands on the shifter to move if needed.
 - b. Speed away from the swimmer
 - c. Always turn the engine off when a swimmer is reboarding or entering the water
 - d. Instruct swimmers to wear bright color when in the water

2. What does a boat's capacity plate indicate?
 - a. The vessel registration number
 - b. The safe load carrying capacity by weight and/or person capacity
 - c. The size and capacity of the fuel tank
 - d. The maximum propeller diameter

3. Prior to departure, everyone onboard should be made aware of what type of equipment?
 - a. Fishing gear
 - b. Safety gear
 - c. Anchoring gear
 - d. Foul weather gear

4. What is the first thing you should do after retrieving a boat onto a trailer from the water?
 - a. Transfer all gear from the boat to the vehicle
 - b. Secure the boat to the trailer and pull the trailer away from the boat ramp
 - c. Check that the trailer lights are working
 - d. Secure any items that are loose in the boat

5. What type of boat requires navigation lights?
 - a. All motorized boats operating between sunset and sunrise
 - b. Sailboats less than 12 meters in length under sail only
 - c. Sailboats using power
 - d. Motorboats over 20 meters in length

6. What type of fire extinguisher is required on board a boat equipped with an inboard engine?
 - a. "A" type fire extinguisher
 - b. "BC" type fire extinguisher
 - c. "AB" type fire extinguisher
 - d. "B" type fire extinguisher

7. Which of the following is a good technique when using a fire extinguisher?
 - a. Direct the extinguisher at the base of the flames using a sweeping motion
 - b. Refrain from using until you know for certain that the fire won't go out on its own
 - c. Use only after attempting to soak the fire with water or covering with a blanket
 - d. Direct the extinguisher at the top of the fire and discharge fully

8. In general, what are dry chemical fire extinguishers designed to do?
 - a. Add oxygen to the fire
 - b. Smother the fire
 - c. Wet down the fire
 - d. Blow out the fire

9. By operating a boat in Indiana, you have consented to what kind of test if directed?
 - a. Sobriety
 - b. Swimming
 - c. Safety Equipment Test
 - d. Boating Test

10. CSCD follows all Indiana boating laws, what agency is responsible for regulating the state boating laws in Indiana?
 - a. Indiana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 - b. Indiana State Parks and Recreation
 - c. Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles
 - d. Indiana Department of Natural Resources

11. Which of the following is against the law in Indiana?
- Placing your validation decals before the IN number
 - Having an inflatable PFD readily accessible but not worn
 - Jumping the wake of another vessel unreasonably close
 - Having an alcoholic beverage onboard a boat
12. Whenever the boat is underway on waters of concurrent jurisdiction, properly sized PFDs must be worn by children of what age in Indiana?
- 4 years of age and under
 - 12 years of age and under
 - 6 years of age and under
 - 8 years of age and under
13. If a diving (i.e. scuba) operation takes place from aboard a boat, a flag will be visible from the boat or in the water where the activity is taking place. This flag means , "diver down - keep clear"
- An American Flag (Attached image)
 - A solid red or orange flag (Attached image)
 - A red flag with white diagonal stripe and/or an Alpha flag a white and blue flag (Attached image)
 - A triangle flag black in color. (Attached Image)
14. What determines how many wearable personal floatation devices (PFDs) are required on a boat?
- Width of boat
 - Age of people on boat
 - Number of seats
 - Number of people aboard
15. What does this boating restriction sign indicate? (Attached Image)
- Do not enter
 - "no wake" means the boat is fully settled in the water and operated no faster than the speed required to maintain headway and steerage (idle speed), no greater than 5 mph.
 - Speed up

d. Diver ahead

16. CSCD lakes have three different color codes that regulate boating activity, what does the yellow light mean? (Note: CSCD can issue different colors for each lake, both lakes will not always be under the same boating color)

- a. Lake is closed
- b. Skier only
- c. Lake is open for idle speeds only
- d. Tubing only

17. If CSCD issues a red light on lakes, what does that mean?

- a. The lake listed with the red light is closed to all boaters
- b. The lake listed with red is for divers only
- c. The lake is open for idle speeds only
- d. The lake is open to all boaters

18. What is the maximum number of people you can pull behind a boat?

- a. No limit
- b. 3
- c. 2
- d. 1

19. When do you use your boats docking lights?

- a. When under full power
- b. Only in close quarter maneuvering, such as docking a boat.
- c. Flashing the lights to get a tubers attention
- d. Never

20. What direction of travel must you follow during boating hours?

- a. Direction of travel is not restricted, can go any way you want
- b. Clockwise
- c. Counterclockwise
- d. Northbound travel only

21. How many life jackets (PFDs) would you need to meet Indiana and CSCD rules if your boat was under way with eight (8) people?
- 7
 - The amount needed so each kid under 8 has one
 - One PFD per person plus a throwable device
 - Only for those that do not know how to swim
22. Would it be a violation under CSCD rules to sit in any place of a moving boat with feet hanging over the edge of the boat?
- Yes
 - No
23. Under CSCD rules what is the minimum amount of people a boat must have to be involved in an activity such as tubing, boarding, skiing, etc?
- 2, a driver and the person tubing
 - 4, a driver, a spotter, a tuber and a person with EMT experience
 - 3, a driver, spotter, and tuber
 - 3, a driver, and two persons tubing
24. When should a boat display a solid orange or red flag from your boat? (With the flag being at least 12 inches by 12 inches)
- When in distress
 - When a person is down in the water
 - When out of gas
 - At night time
25. What happens if you received three (3) violation tickets issued within a 365 day period at CSCD?
- You must take this test again
 - ALL of your boat decals may be revoked for 365 days
 - Nothing
 - You get a ticket from DNR

26. What lights should you have illuminated at nighttime while on a motorized watercraft?

- a. Docking lights
- b. Red and green sidelights and a white overhead
- c. Spot lights
- d. A flashlight

27. What is the maximum speed allowed at CSCD on weekends and legal holidays?

- a. 20 MPH
- b. 30 MPH
- c. 40 MPH
- d. No limit.

28. At dusk all NON motorized crafts should be illuminated so they craft and person on the craft are visible from 360 degrees.

- a. True
- b. False

29. When recreational boating activities are taking place, and a person is present in the water what should other boater in the area do?

- a. Sound a horn
- b. Keep on same course at same speed
- c. Slow down and avoid the area, even if that means slowing down and entering the no wake zone to avoid the area.
- d. All of the above.

30. When on a non-motorized watercraft, (i.e. kayak, canoe, paddle boat, paddleboard) which of the following is true?

- a. No PED(s) are need for anyone
- b. a PED is needed to be worn at all times
- c. the watercraft has to carry a wearable PFD for every person, but wearing it is recommended
- d. only one throwable device is needed

31. What age must a driver of a motorized boat with greater than 10 horsepower be on CSCD?

- a. 12
- b. 21
- c. 18
- d. 16

If you see something life threatening call 911

If you see a boater/swimmer committing a violation, call the CSCD office.

You the FREEHOLDER are responsible for any family and/or guests to be aware of CSCD rules before they access CSCD waters. Any violation will be issued to the freeholder, regardless if the freeholder is present.

NOTICE: All Indiana Title 14 Boating and Fishing Laws are hereby adopted by CSCD. More restrictive regulations may be enacted by CSCD.

NOTICE: Age and Operator Restrictions via Indiana Law.

No one under 15 years of age may legally operate a motorboat greater than 10 hp.

Boaters who are 15 years of age may operate a motorboat until they become a licensed driver only if they complete a boater education course approved by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and have on board an ID card issued by the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

A person who has never been licensed by the BMV must complete an approved boater education course successfully and have on board an ID issued by the Indiana BMV to operate a motorboat legally.

All other motorboat operators must have a valid vehicle driver's license to operate on all Indiana public waters and Indiana private waters that adopt Indiana Title 14 Boating Laws.