

Boating Safety Scavenger Hunt

TOPIC/SUBJECT: Boating Safety

TARGET AUDIENCE/AGE LEVEL: Jr. High and up

THEME: Practicing boating safety will guarantee you fun on the water.

GOAL/PURPOSE: To attract visitors to Water Safety Festivals, and encourage them to visit the various displays and interact with the participants.

OBJECTIVE(S): Participants will be able to identify a variety of boating safety skills.

DESCRIPTION:

- A. Ask participating boat dealers, organizations/agencies to submit a maximum of three water safety related questions that represent their activity (water ski club submits questions concerning water safety skills and water skiing). If this does not apply, formulate your own questions.
- B. When all questions have been submitted, select the best questions. Try to select at least one for each organization who submitted questions. Fifteen questions should probably be the maximum used for the scavenger hunt. Here are some sample questions that can be adapted to fit a festival setting or be manipulated in other ways:
1. Under what conditions does a powerboat have the right-of-way over a sailboat?
 2. Boats operating with both sail and power are classified as what kind of boat?
 3. What should sailors do when they hear thunder or see lightning?
 4. All persons on board all boats are required to have what?
 5. State law requires that safety chains be ___ under the coupler when connected to the tow vehicle. ([A] Painted; [B] Crossed; [C] Hanging)
 6. What three things are needed for a fire?
 7. If your boat is disabled or you need some type of help, when would you use flares?
 8. Why kneel in a canoe?
 9. Do you stay with the canoe if you upset in a lake?
 10. The most important thing to do before you go fishing is what?
 11. How many skiers are you allowed to pull behind your boat at ___?
 12. How many people do you need to safely water ski at ___?
 13. How long has the Alumacraft Boat Company been in business?
 14. What was the 1995 "Watercraft of the Year" as proclaimed by Watercraft World?
 15. Can you water ski behind a personal watercraft in this state?
- C. Contact local businesses for prize donations. As a suggestion, develop a cover letter that may be presented to those businesses or organizations that are donating prizes stating that they are donating a prize for use in the Water Safety Scavenger Hunt. Participating organizations and boat dealers may also be interested in donating prizes. Prizes could include life jackets, club memberships, tee-shirts, food certificates, or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water safety products.
- D. Develop and print "Scavenger Hunt" game sheets.
- E. Plan on means of distribution to visitors (i.e. from fee booths, etc.).
- F. Create a box that can be used for the deposit of completed game sheets.
- G. All answers must be filled in and validated. This can be accomplished at the display that related to the question. Exhibitors are not allowed to play.

H. Hold prize drawings throughout the day.

I. Send thank you letters to all businesses and organizations that donated prizes.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT: Game sheets, decals or rubber stamps of participating organizations to use to validate game sheets, prizes, and a box for deposit of the game sheets.