

OPERATOR COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

There are regulations about who can operate water craft to keep you safe. Make sure you know your obligations.

As of September 15, 2009 all operators of pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes must have proof of competency on board at all times. This can be demonstrated in 3 ways.

1. **proof of having successfully completed a boating safety course in Canada prior to April 1, 1999**
2. **a pleasure craft operator card showing completion of a Canadian Coast Guard accredited test.**
3. **a completed rental-boat safety check-list (for power-driven rental boats)**

Age-horsepower Restrictions

WITH A COMPETENCY CARD:

Youth under 12 years of age cannot operate a vessel without supervision if it has a motor greater than 10 horsepower.

From 12 -16 a youth cannot operate a vessel without supervision which has a motor greater than 40 horsepower.

NOBODY UNDER THE AGE OF 16 CAN OPERATE A PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (JETSKI) AND ALL MUST HAVE A COMPETENCY CARD.

(Directly supervised means accompanied and directly supervised in the boat by a person of age 16 or older)

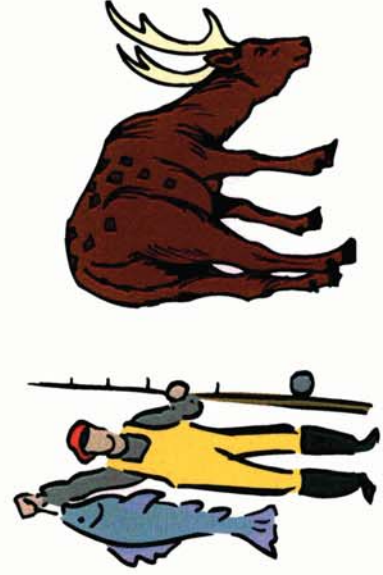
ALCOHOL USE

Enjoy yourself but remember that the laws about alcohol use apply.



- It is illegal to:
 - consume/possess liquor in a public place (this would include your boat, playground, streets), in other words keep it on your campsite.
 - provide alcohol to a minor (under 18 years of age)
 - it's against the Criminal Code to cause a disturbance when not in a dwelling house. When in or near a public place you disturb the peace by fighting, screaming, swearing, or if you are intoxicated.

HAVING A GREAT SUMMER GOES HAND IN HAND WITH A SAFE SUMMER.



LAC DU BONNET RCMP & MANITOBA CONSERVATION QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Important items for fun and safe recreation this summer.

Lac du Bonnet RCMP & Manitoba Conservation recognizes that there are important items you NEED to know to enjoy your stay at the lake, park or campground this summer. Please take the time to review this information. It is meant as a quick guide for information and should be used in conjunction with the Safe Boating Guide and the Manitoba Fishing Guide. It is up to you to know your responsibilities to ensure that you have an enjoyable stay.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY - 911

RCMP

LAC DU BONNET - 345-8685

WHITEMOUTH - 348-7177

PINAWA - 753-2919

MANITOBA CONSERVATION-

LAC DU BONNET OFFICE- 345-1400

RENNIE OFFICE- 369-3153

SEVEN SISTERS OFFICE - 348-4004

CRIMESTOPPERS

1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

TIPS(TURN IN POACHERS)

1-800-782-0076



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

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CRIMINAL CODE TO KNOW

There are a number of Criminal Code sections which YOU need to be aware of while enjoying your recreational time .



Section 253 of the Criminal Code deals with Operating a Motor Vehicle/Vessel while Impaired or Over .08 mg%. Manitoba Conservation and the RCMP will be



patrolling the waters this summer to ensure that people do not mix drinking with boating. It is a dangerous combination.

Section 250 of the Criminal Code deals with a person failing to keep watch of a person being towed or towing after dark. It is important while towing a person behind the boat that you have a person on board not driving that **MUST** watch the person being towed. The operator of the vessel **CANNOT** keep close enough attention of the person being towed and this is very dangerous. It is also important to know that you **CANNOT** tow someone from the time of 1 hour after sunset to sunrise.



ANGLING NEED TO KNOW

DID YOU KNOW IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO.....????

Angle without a licence - \$292.65 fine
Exempt from carrying a licence are persons under 16 years of age residing in MB, non resident anglers under 16 who are with a licenced angler and Status Indians.

Fail to carry your angling licence while angling - \$171.30 fine

Exceed your possession limit for fish - \$102 fine plus \$25 for each fish in possession

Fishing with a barbed hook - \$52 fine

Possessing angled fish that cannot be identified - \$77. Don't forget to leave a patch of skin on your fish for identification.

Possessing angled fish that cannot be counted. \$77 Don't freeze your fish in a block.



Angling with more than one line in open waters. \$102.

Be aware of **No Wake Areas**. These areas consist of areas out 100 feet from shore where speeds cannot exceed 10 km/h.

SAFE BOATING

When out on the water there are a number of things to keep in mind to ensure you are safe. There are federal regulations which apply to you on the water.



EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Equipment needed on your vessel include:

- an approved floatation device is required for every person on board.
- a buoyant heaving rope of not less than 15 m in length
- a manual propelling device(paddle) or an anchor with not less than 15 metres of cable, chain or rope in any combination.
- 1 bailing device(manual or automatic)
- 1 sound signaling device
- navigation lights if operating at night (a flashlight will do)
- 1 fire extinguisher if you have an inboard motor.

This applies from a canoe to a personal watercraft to a full size motor boat.

See your safe boating guide for more information.