

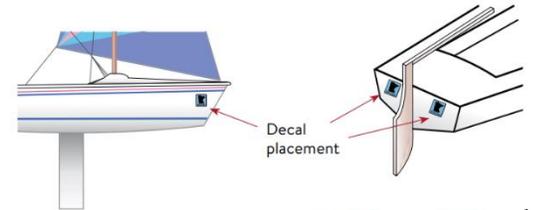
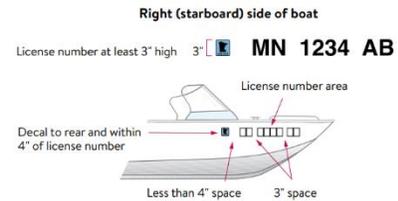
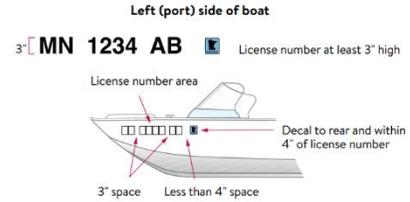
HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Rental Watercraft

Motorized WC Inspection List

Item #	Description
1	Registration
1a	USCG Documented vessel Registration
2	Registration Card W/ WC or Rental Company Name
3	Numbering
4	Carbon Monoxide Detector / Warning stickers
5	Wearable PFD (Life Jacket) & (Child)
6	Throwable PFD
7	Whistles / Horn Sound producing devices
8a	Navigation Lights Motorized
9	Fire Extinguishers
10	Ventilation / Blower
11	Mufflers / Noise Limits
12	Marine Toilets (must have holding tank)
13	Age Restrictions
15	Overall Watercraft Condition
16	Lake Service Provider Permit
17	Boarding device (ladder) - (Lake Minnetonka only)



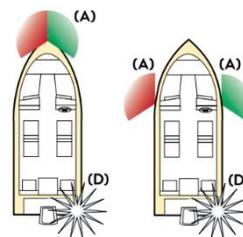
Non-Motorized WC Inspection List

Item #	Description
1	Registration
2	Registration Card W/ WC or Rental Company Name
3	Numbering
5	Wearable PFD (Life Jacket) & (Child)
6	Throwable PFD
8b	Navigation Lights Non-Motorized
12	Marine Toilets (must have holding tank)
15	Overall Watercraft Condition
16	Lake Service Provider Permit

Personal WC Inspection List (PWC)

Item #	Description
1	Registration
2	Registration Card W/ WC or Rental Company Name
3	Numbering
5	Wearable PFD (Life Jacket) & (Child)
9	Fire Extinguishers
11	Mufflers / Noise Limits
13	PWC Age Restrictions
14	PWC Laws provided to renter & rules sticker
15	Overall Watercraft Condition
16	Lake Service Provider Permit

Less than 40 feet long.



1. **a.) Registration:** All motorized watercraft regardless of length and nonmotorized watercraft over 10 feet must be licensed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The types of watercraft that must be licensed include, but are not limited to, motorboats, rowboats, sailboats, sailboards, stand-up paddleboards, canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, rowing shells or sculls, all-terrain vehicles used in the water and inflatable craft.

b.) US coast Guard Documented Vessel:

67.120 General requirement - No Certificate of Documentation issued under this part will be deemed valid for operation of the vessel until the vessel is marked in accordance with this subpart.

67.121 Official number marking requirement - The official number of the vessel, preceded by the abbreviation "NO." must be marked in block-type Arabic numerals not less than three inches in height on some clearly visible interior structural part of the hull. The number must be permanently affixed to the vessel so that alteration, removal, or replacement would be obvious. If the official number is on a separate plate, the plate must be fastened in such a manner that its removal would normally cause some scarring of or damage to the surrounding hull area.

67.123 Name and hailing port marking requirements. The markings required by this section, which may be made using any means and materials which result in durable markings, must be made in clearly legible letters of the Latin alphabet or Arabic or Roman numerals not less than four inches in height.

2. **Registration Card W/ WC or Rental Company Name:** Must have the registration card with the watercraft or have the Rental company name on the side of the watercraft.

3. **NUMBERING:** The license number issued to your boat appears on the license card and must be displayed as follows:

- Numbers must be placed on each side of the forward half of the hull.
- The license number must be displayed on your boat as it appears on your license card.
- Letter and numbers must be at least 3 inches high.
- Letters and numbers must be of block character.

4. **Carbon Monoxide Detector / Warning stickers:**

Motorboats, regardless of fuel type, must have a functioning marine CO detector if they have an enclosed accommodation compartment, which is defined as a motorboat with all of the following:

- Designated sleeping accommodations
- A galley area with a sink
- A head (toilet) compartment

If you have a gasoline-powered motorboat with any enclosed space surrounded by boat structure intended for a person to enter, you are required to have the three CO warning stickers displayed. The appropriate sticker is to be placed:

- At the helm
- In or at the entrance to any enclosed occupancy space
- At the aft boarding/stern area

5. **Wearable PFD (Life Jacket) & (Child):** Acceptable PFDs (also known as Life Jackets) must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and in good, serviceable condition. A wearable PFD of suitable size is required for each person on the boat. Children must have properly fitted PFDs designed for children. Wearable PFDs shall be "readily accessible."

6. **Throwable PFD:** Boats 16 Feet or longer, must also have one Type IV (throwable) device, which shall be "immediately available." *PFDs shall NOT be stored in unopened plastic packaging.*

7. **Whistles / Horn Sound producing devices:** Motorboats 16 feet to less than 26 feet long must be equipped with a hand-, mouth-, or power-operated whistle or horn capable of producing a continuous sound for two seconds and audible for at least one-half mile. Motorboats 26 feet to less than 40 feet long must be equipped with a hand- or power-operated horn or whistle capable of producing a continuous sound for two seconds and audible for at least 1 mile. Motorboats 40 feet or longer must be equipped with a power-operated horn or whistle capable of producing a continuous sound for at least two seconds and audible for at least 1 mile.

8. **a.) Navigation Lights Motorized:** All boats must be able to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of reduced visibility. Motorboats less than 40 feet long while underway, including sailboats operating under engine power, may follow the lighting requirements below:

- Either separate 112.5° red and green side lights or a combination 225° red and green bow light.
- A 360° white stern (rear) light. When at anchor, only the 360° white light is necessary.

b.) Navigation Lights Non-Motorized: Must at least carry a white lantern or flashlight. Light should be strong enough so that other boats around the horizon can see it at least 2 miles away. Light must be displayed in sufficient time to avoid a collision with another watercraft. Canoes, sailboats, etc., that are operating under power must follow the lighting rules for motorboats.

- 9. Fire Extinguishers:** All fire extinguishers must be U.S. Coast Guard-approved, fully charged, and readily accessible. Motorboats carrying or using fuel or other flammable fluid in an enclosure are required to have a Type B, U.S. Coast Guard-approved fire extinguisher(s) on board.

SIZE OF BOAT	REQUIRED
Boats under 26 feet with enclosed engine, fuel tanks or other spaces	One size B-I fire extinguisher
Boats 26 feet up to 40 feet	Two size B-I or one size B-II fire extinguisher(s)
Boats 40 feet up to and including 65 feet	Three size B-I or one size B-II and one size B-I fire extinguishers
Boats over 65 feet	Three size B-II fire extinguishers

- 10. Ventilation / Blower:** Motorboats carrying or using any fuel that has a flashpoint of 110 degrees or less (gasoline) in any compartment must be equipped with an efficient ventilating system to remove combustible gases. This system must consist of at least one intake duct that extends from the deck below the level of the carburetor air intake (or halfway to the bilge) and an exhaust duct that extends from the deck to the lowest portion of the bilge. The cowls of these ducts must be properly trimmed for maximum ventilation. A power-operated bilge blower is highly recommended, and it should be run at least four minutes before starting the engine.
- 11. Mufflers / Noise Limits:** All watercraft motors must have a muffler, underwater exhaust, or other device that suppresses the sound of the motor to levels noted below. It is unlawful to modify, equip, sell or operate a motorboat (except under a permit from the county sheriff or U.S. Coast Guard) that exceeds the levels noted below. It is illegal to sell or have an altered muffler, muffler cutout, muffler bypass, or any other device designed or installed so that it can

be used to continually or intermittently bypass any muffler or muffler system, or to reduce or eliminate the effectiveness of a muffler or muffler system.

- 12. Marine Toilets:** Under state law, toilets on board watercraft must be no-discharge devices. Waste must be retained on board for proper disposal after returning to shore.

13. Age Restrictions:

Motorboat Operator Age Restrictions

OPERATOR AGE	REQUIREMENTS
Less than 12 years	May operate motorboats with less than 75 horsepower if an accompanying operator is in the motorboat.
12–21 years	Born on or after July 1, 2004 must possess operator’s permit, effective July 1, 2025. Expanding over the following three years to include older age groups.

PWC Age Restrictions Regardless of Horsepower:

OPERATOR AGE	RESTRICTIONS
Less than 12 years	Cannot operate—even with an adult on board.
12 -21 years	must possess a valid watercraft operator’s permit for personal watercraft. Adults born on or after July 1, 2004, must hold a permit to operate PWC, effective July 1, 2025 and expanding over the following three years to include older age groups.

14. PWC Laws provided to renter & rules sticker:

Personal watercraft dealers are required to distribute a summary of the laws and rules governing personal watercraft. They must provide instruction regarding laws governing personal watercraft, as well as safe operation of the craft, upon request by a purchaser. Rental operators must provide required safety equipment and a copy of the personal watercraft laws free of charge, as well as instruction on laws and operation of the craft.

- 15. Overall Watercraft Condition:** The watercraft must be free from fire hazards, in good overall condition, with bilges reasonable clean and visible hull structure generally sound. The engine horsepower must not exceed that shown on the capacity plate.

- 16. Lake Service Provider Permit:** By Minnesota Law, a Service Provider is: (1) an individual who or entity that: decontaminates, installs, or removes water-related equipment or structures into or from waters of the state for hire or as a service provided as a benefit of membership in a yacht club, boat club, marina, or similar organization; or (2) an individual who or entity that: rents or leases water-related equipment that will be used in, placed into, or removed from waters of the state. Service provider does not include a person working under the

supervision of an individual with a valid service provider permit issued under section 84D.108.

- 17. Boarding Device:** A boarding device (ladder) is required to be on the watercraft when operating on Lake Minnetonka (Lake Minnetonka requirement).

References:

[Minnesota DNR Boating Info](#)

[MN DNR Boating Guide \(PDF\)](#)