Small Passenger Vessel Operator Assessment

Assessment	This document can be used:
	• For gathering evidence in a training environment,
	 As a competency check of knowledge on an existing worker; or
	 As part of a summative assessment.
Candidate Name	
Assessor Name	
Date of Assessment	
Summary of Assessment	☐ The candidate met all outcomes of the worker assessment
Assessment	The candidate has NOT met all outcomes of the worker assessment
	Gap training plan developed
Date of Reassessment	
Summary of	☐ The candidate met all outcomes of the worker assessment
Reassessment	The candidate has NOT met all outcomes of the worker assessment
Instructions	 Complete the assessment with the candidate, adding notes to justify your decisions.
	• Ensure the first page of this document is completed (all fields).
	• Develop a gap training plan for practical deficiencies if required.
	 Use the same form for reassessment (if applicable), only reassessing the areas where gaps exist.
	 Conduct the competency conversation before conducting the practical assessment.

Note: This worker assessment covers the technical components of a specific role. For general knowledge and a complete picture of a worker's competency, BC Forest Safety recommends the optional Basic Forest Worker competency profile and assessment tools that can be found at www.bcforestsafe.org.

Part 1 - Competency Conversation

General Instructions

To conduct a competency conversation, ask the worker the questions in this first part of the assessment to determine if they understand the knowledge components of their role.

It is acceptable to rephrase the question in a way that the worker understands, but the worker cannot be given hints to the correct answer.

The assessment should not be used as a training opportunity; instead, any deficiencies identified in this assessment should be collected into a gap training plan and addressed with the worker later.

Important Note: Do not conduct competency conversation while operating equipment.

Training and Assessment Rubric		
Assessment Instruction	S - This means that the candidate must supply all responses listed, as the knowledge is safety critical or important.	
	B - This means the candidate must at a minimum verbalize the bolded responses, and additional responses are further proof of competence.	
P - The candidate must give a percentage of responses correctly to reasonably show competence in the area.		

Locator	Questions		
1.1	Who has jurisdiction over small commercial vessels in Canada?		
	Transport Canada		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met
1.1	What are three things the co	ollision regulations apply to	?
	Safe crossing situation	ns / right of way protocols	
	\Box Head on situations (av	voidance)	
	□ Lights		
	☐ Sound signals		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 3 from list		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met
1.2	What does every employee situation where they feel un	•	they come across a
	Right to refuse unsafe	work	
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met
1.2	Who does a worker report a	in unsafe condition to?	
	□ Supervisor or employe	er	
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met

1091 – Describe Regulations, Legislation and Certifications related to Marine Vessels

1.3	Name four things that are in apply to small vessels	ncluded in part 17 of the Wo	rkSafeBC regulation that	
	Compliance with regulation	lation		
	□ Safety Standards			
	Vessel operation			
	Communication			
	Vessel preparation			
	☐ Maintenance and insp	ection		
	☐ Anti-skid covering			
	□ Lighting			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 4	from list		
	Assessment Outcome met Outcome not met			
2.1	What are the minimum certification requirements for operation of a passenger vessel?			
	SVOP (Small Vessel Operator Proficiency) or PCOC (Pleasure Craft Operators Card)			
	□ Small domestic vessel basic safety (formally A3)			
	Radio Operator Certificate – Marine commercial (ROC-M) if VHF on board			
	Marine level 1 First Air	d with transportation endorser	nent	
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
3.1	What are the factors used to	o determine vehicle registra	tion?	
	Type of vessel			
	☐ Size (tonnage and len	gth)		
	Vessel use (commerce)	Vessel use (commercial vs. personal)		
	Number of passengers	S		
	Voyage classification	(area of operation)		
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

Locator	Questions		
1.2	What must be filled out in a logbook for a small passenger vessel?		
	Departure and arrival	times and date	
	□ Number of passengers	S	
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met
1.2	What else is best practice to	o fill out in a logbook for a s	mall passenger vessel?
	Engine hour meter real	adings	
	Destination		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 1 from list		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met
2.1	What are common aids to navigation on a small passenger vessel?		
	Compass		
	🗆 Radar		
	Plotter		
	□ Sounder		
	Communication device	es	
	Paper marine chart		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 6	from list	
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met

1136 – Describe Marine Vessels, Navigation and Safety

3.1	What emergency response equipment and safety equipment must you have on board a small passenger vessel?		
	Minimum level 1 first aid kit		
	Marine type or USCG approved fire extinguisher		
	\Box Fire suppression system depending on vessel		
	□ Signalling device (flare	es or waterproof flashlight)	
	☐ TC approved life jacke	et for each person on board ar	nd spares
	Oars		
	□ Anchor including chain or cable rode		
	□ Bailers and bilge (manual bailing device)		
	□ Sound signalling device		
	□ 15-metre line with float attached		
	□ Re-boarding device		
	Navigation lights		
	☐ Man-overboard float		
	□ Heaving line		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 10 from list		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met

3.2	What are five common hazards related to operating a small passenger vessel?		
	☐ Striking objects in wate	er	
	Striking land		
	Collision with another vessel		
	Inclement weather		
	Mechanical failure		
	Passengers who will n	ot remain seated or in design	ated areas
	Unruly or impaired pase	ssengers	
	□ Shifting cargo		
	□ Tides		
	□ Getting lost		
	☐ Taking on water		
	Marine wildlife		
	□ Other vessels		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 5 from list		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met
3.3	Is there a requirement to pro	ovide aid to a vessel in distr	ess?
	□ Yes		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met
3.3	What would prevent an ope	rator from assisting anothe	r vessel in distress?
	Putting your vessel or passengers in jeopardy		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met

3.5	What are four factors that can affect the stability of a vessel?			
	□ Cargo size and distrib	ution		
	Total weight of vessel including fuel			
	□ Passengers and crew			
	Weather			
	Water trapped on deck			
	☐ Sea conditions			
	Boat design			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 4	from list		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
1.1	What are the requirements	for working in confined space	ces in British Columbia?	
	Pre-entry testing and i	nspection (venting)		
	Hazard assessment Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment Outcome met Outcome not met			
1.2	What is required when lock	ing out a marine vessel?		
	De-energized and tage	ged out at battery disconnect		
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
2.1	What should be included in	a pre-work/orientation mee	ting?	
	Operating condition of	vessel		
	Hazard assessment			
	Location of personal s	afety equipment (working and	present)	
	Lifesaving equipment			
	Roles and responsibili	ties		
	□ Work plan for the day/	project		
	□ Check in procedures			
	ERP			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

2.2	What are the three basic elements of an ERP?		
	Who to contact in emergency		
	□ How to contact them		
	How to request higher level of support (GPS coordinates, methods and routes to worksite)		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met

1137 – Describe and Operate Small Passenger Vessel

Locator	Questions			
1.3	In addition to pre-trip and emergency equipment what are five things that must be inspected on a small passenger vessel before departing on a voyage?			
	Bilge pumps			
	Navigation lights			
	☐ Spotlight			
	□ Fuel (sufficient for voy	rage)		
	Navigation and comm	unication equipment		
	☐ Freeing ports (clear of	obstructions)		
	Defrost fan and heater	rs		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 5 from list			
	Assessment Outcome met Outcome not met			
1.3	What spare parts should yo	ou have with you when maki	ng a voyage?	
	Fuel filter			
	□ Additional litre of oil			
	Belts			
	Prop(s)			
	□ Nuts			
	Coolant			
	Spark plugs			
	Running light bulbs ar	nd fuses		
	Raw water pump imperimperimperimperimperimperimperimper	eller		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 6	S from list		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

1.5	What must be included in a start-up procedure?			
	□ Check engine oil and	coolant level		
	□ Check fuel filters	□ Check fuel filters		
	□ Check belts			
	□ Visual check for leaks			
	Pull cowlings (outboards)			
	☐ Check bilges (for oil a	nd coolant)		
	□ Turn battery switches	on		
	□ Run blowers for 10 mi	nutes (if applicable)		
	□ Warm engines to man	ufacturers specification		
	☐ Turn on electronics			
	☐ Turn on heaters if app	licable		
	□ Secure deck			
	□ Check running lights			
	□ Check fuel levels			
	□ Confirm spares			
	Check radio			
	Assessment Instruction: S	Γ	Γ	
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
1.6	What must be included in a	sail plan?		
	Number of persons			
	Departure and arrival	times		
	□ Anticipated route			
	□ Alternate route			
	□ Check in times			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

1.7	Where can the operator find the load capacity of a vessel?			
	Vessel conformity plate			
	Declaration of conformity			
	Stability assessment			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
1.8	What should be included in	a pre-trip orientation with p	assengers?	
	Location of life vests			
	Location of safety equ	ipment		
	Location of exits			
	Defining the passenge	er area		
	Abandon ship protoco	ls		
	 Use and location of radios Head count Assessment Instruction: P – 5 from list 			
	Assessment			
2.1	What should be done first if	the overheat alarm goes of	f?	
	☐ Stop boat and go into	reverse		
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
3.1	What are the considerations	s when manoeuvring the ves	ssel for docking?	
	Enough water in landii	ng location		
	Obstacles and obstruct	tions in path		
	Tides			
	Currents			
	Passengers remain se	ated until docked		
	\Box Other vessels in area			
	□ Size, weight, length of vessel			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

Part 2 – Practical Assessment

General Instructions

To conduct the practical assessment, monitor the worker in a variety of situations to determine if they can consistently perform the skill components of their role in a safe and effective manner. Once confident that the worker can conduct the skills consistently, mark the outcome met. If the worker cannot consistently perform the skills required, add this component to the gap training plan.

Remember not to distract the operator when conducting the practical assessment.

Training and	Assessment Rubric
	Skills: Can complete the task but only with direct instruction and supervision, may lack consistency in application.
Outcome Not Met	Knowledge: Does not understand what they are doing, or are not aware of a knowledge deficiency, or need guidance and support.
(ONM)	Attributes: Displays limited or no professional attributes including being fit for work, prepared for the day, working in an organized manner, achieving work outcomes, or lacks in consistency.
	Skills: Consistently completes the task using safe work practices multiple times in a variety of contexts.
Outcome Met (OM)	Knowledge: Has a solid grasp of underpinning knowledge, consistently applies it, and can explain it.
	Attributes: Consistently displays professional attributes including being fit for work, prepared for the day, working in and organized manner and achieving work outcomes.

A) PREPARE FOR THE DAY	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Arrived on time			
Clothing for conditions			
Layered clothing appropriate for the elements and working conditions			
Nutrition and water			
Adequate food for the day			
Sufficient hydration for work and weather conditions			
Not noticeably impaired			
 Candidate is not obviously physically or mentally impaired (by drugs, alcohol, personal situations, fatigue) 			
Fit for work			
Candidate is physically able to do the task			
 3-point contact on and off machine vessel 			
Able to move around machine vessel			
Able to perform simple maintenance			
Logbook filled out correctly (if required)			
Engine hour meter readings			
Departure and arrival times			
Number of passengers			
Voyage plan (if required)			
Timecard filled out correctly (if required)			
Service checklist			
Safety inspection			
Start up and shut down times			
Personal supplies			
• PPE			
Sunglasses			
• Food			
Water			
Appropriate clothing			
Change of clothing			

B) PREPARE FOR VOYAGE	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Fire extinguisher			
Locate battery disconnect switch			
Locate and inspect bilge pumps			
Locate fuel shutoff valves			
Locate thru-hull shutoff valve			
Inspect navigation lights			
Inspect spotlight			
Defrost fan & heater (if required)			
Safety equipment			
First Aid kits			
Fire suppression			
Life jackets			
 Man-Overboard float and floating line 			
Flares			
 Sound devices (whistle, air horn) 			
Flashlight			
 Anchor with appropriate line and chain 			
Knife			
Navigation and Communication equipment			
Marine charts			
Compass			
Communication devices			
Radar			
• GPS			
Plotter			
Sounder			
• AIS			
Free ports clear of obstructions			
Sufficient fuel			

Fluids and Oil levels		
• Oil		
Coolant		
Hydraulics		
Marine gear oil (transmission)		
Check for leaks		
Check belts		
Pull cowlings		
Turn battery switches on		
Run blowers (if required)		
Warm engines		
As required by manufacturer		
Turn on electronics		
Fuel filters		
Check for water		
Sail plan		
 Number of persons on board 		
 Departure and arrival time and location 		
Anticipated route		
Alternate route		
Filed with someone not on board		

Safely load passengers and cargo		
Determine load capacity of vessel (where to find load capacity)		
Distribute cargo appropriate to vessel, conditions, passenger and crew		
Secure cargo to prevent movement		
 Stability of vessel stationary and underway Assess 'go / no go' decision based on: 		
Expected conditions		
Actual conditions		
 Voyage length and ability of vessel and cargo in accordance with operators' capabilities and experience 		
Pre-trip orientation		
 Head count before leaving dock – in logbook 		
 Safety orientation for all on board including location of emergency equipment and exit 		
 Life jackets, fire extinguisher, what various radios do 		
Define passenger area		
Abandon ship protocols		
Spares		
Fuel filter		
Litre of oil		
Belts		
• Prop(s)		
Nuts		
Coolant		
Running light bulbs and fuses		
Tools for basic repairs		
Raw water pump impeller		

C) OPERATE VESSEL		ONM	N/A
Departure temperature			
 Engine brought to specifications before starting 			
 Minimum and maximum idle times (owners manual) 			
Water and Oil temperature			
Within acceptable range			
 Ability to remedy common issues (stop boat, engage in reverse to clear water intake) 			
Optimal and acceptable engine operating parameters			
Go / No Go assessment			
Maintain 360-degree visual checks			
Operating speed			
 Bring boat to operating speed 			
Trim tabs			
Outdrive trim angle			
Maintaining optimal planing attitude			
Vessel speed to conditions			
 Speed, trim and angle of approach appropriate for conditions (wave, wind, tide) 			
Manoeuvre vessel			
Enough water in landing location			
 Looks for obstructions and obstacles 			
 Assessing current and tide by visual means such as birds, floating debris, kelp 			
• Ensure passengers remain seated and don't fall between vessel and dock			
Other vessels in area			

D) COMPLETE TASKS		ONM	N/A
Unload passengers and cargo			
Shut down and secure vessel (use of knots)			
Clove hitch			
Bowline			
 Two round turns two half hitches 			
Double clove hitch			
Complete documentation			

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