

**Louisiana Department of Health**  
**Water Vessel Safety Inspection Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Description & Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Vessel Inspection					
Item	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
1	Are there enough Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for the maximum number or occupants of the water vessel as indicated on the USCG identification tag?				
2	Are all PFD's rated for adults?				
3	Are all PFD's in good working condition?				
4	Is there a copy of the boating accident report form on board?				
5	Is there a copy of the registration on board?				
6	Is the LDWF registration number clearly posted on each side of the boat in 3" block letters that differ from the boat color?				
7	Does the registration number show clearly when the boat is floating in the water?				
8	Are boat lights working properly? For night operations must have a bow light that is red & green and a stern light with a white reflector.				
9	Is a current, charged fire extinguisher on board?				
10	Is there a length of marine grade rope not less than 20 feet on board and in good condition?				
11	Does the fuel tank / fuel system have any leaks?				
12	Is the fuel tank well ventilated? Make sure vent hoses are clear.				
13	Does the steering device work properly? (Check cables, lubrication, etc.)				
Water Vessel Trailer Inspection					
Item	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
1	Do all trailer lights work properly? Check this prior to any towing on public roads.				
2	Are trailer tires in good condition? (check for adequate tread, dry rotting, proper inflation)				
3	Are the trailer tire fenders attached and in good condition?				
4	Does the trailer tongue work properly?				
5	Does the trailer hitching mechanism work properly?				

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6	Are the safety chains in good useable condition?				
7	Do the wheel bearings have good grease seals? (check for leaks)				
8	Does the trailer have a visible license plate?				
9	Are the license plate and trailer registration available and up to date?				
10	Is the towing vehicle properly equipped to tow the trailer?				
11	Does the towing vehicle have an adequate hitch to tow the boat?				
12	Does the lighting system from the towing vehicle compatible with the lighting system for the trailer? Do all lights work properly?				
<b>Other Water Vessel Safety Issues Identified by the Inspector</b>					
<b>Item</b>		<b>Comments</b>			

Upon completion of the inspection please sign & date below. Keep a copy of the inpection for your files and submit a copy of the inspection to your agencies regional safety coordinator. Problems noted on the form will typically be addressed through your agencies purchasing/property staff.

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**Inspector's Signature**

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**Date**