



## **Motorboat Operator Certification Refresher-Test**

- 1. What is the strongest point on a disabled vessel to which you can attach your towline:**
  - A. Stern cleat
  - B. Bow cleat
  - C. Bow eye
  - D. Bow rail
  
- 2. Freeboard is:**
  - A. The fore and aft vertical curve of the deck
  - B. The vertical distance from the waterline to the bottom of the keel
  - C. The minimum vertical distance from the waterline to the gunwale
  - D. The top edge of the hull
  
- 3. If you can't talk a victim to a self-rescue, i.e. to a dock or the side of the boat, the next step you should attempt is:**
  - A. Send a rescue swimmer to get the victim
  - B. Try driving away to motivate them to start swimming
  - C. Bring the boat to the victim
  - D. Try to reach the victim with a pole or other device
  
- 4. Which of the following things should never be done as a routine check of fire extinguishers?**
  - A. Replace damaged hose
  - B. Check locking pins and seals to see that they are undamaged
  - C. Operate the extinguisher for just a second
  - D. Weigh extinguisher
  
- 5. What light or lights must be displayed when a motorboat is at anchor?**
  - A. Red, green and white lights
  - B. White light visible from all directions
  - C. Red and green lights
  - D. None required

- 6. What does the letter "B" on a Class B fire extinguisher indicate?**
- A. It is to be used on Class B boats
  - B. The amount of extinguishment in it
  - C. It is best for flammable liquids
  - D. It is best for electrical fires
- 7. A Type IV PFD is designed to:**
- A. Provide hypothermia protection
  - B. Always turn an unconscious wearer face-up
  - C. Be thrown to a person
  - D. Stored out of reach
- 8. The gasoline nozzle must be in contact with the filler pipe at all times during fueling:**
- A. To prevent spilling expensive fuel
  - B. To avoid having to watch the filler pipe instead of the pump gauge
  - C. To keep fumes from the nozzle from going into the bilge's
  - D. To safeguard against a dangerous spark caused by static electricity
- 9. Safety chains from the trailer to the hitch are:**
- A. Crossed under the tongue
  - B. A good idea but optional
  - C. Basically unnecessary
  - D. Essential only for insurance purposes
- 10. A "Give way" vessel must do what:**
- A. Must run at night without worrying about other boats
  - B. Must maintain course and speed under most circumstances
  - C. Must give two prolonged blasts to warn other vessels away
  - D. Must keep clear of stand on vessels
- 11. All aids to navigation are depicted on charts by the use of symbols. The basic symbol for a buoy is a:**
- A. Diamond and a small circle
  - B. Asterisk
  - C. Letter "X"
  - D. Star

- 12. The principle cause of a vessel colliding with another vessel or with a fixed object is failure of the operator to maintain what:**
- A. An accurate compass course
  - B. An adequate fuel supply
  - C. An accurate radio log
  - D. A proper lookout
- 13. What is the greatest cause of a boat fire or explosion on a boat:**
- A. faulty wiring
  - B. spontaneous combustion
  - C. gasoline fumes in the low part of the boat
  - D. fuel spilled overboard
- 14. The correct way to load a small boat is to:**
- A. Carry equipment aboard yourself
  - B. Hand equipment to someone already on the boat
  - C. Throw equipment into the boat from the dock
  - D. Don't take any equipment at all
- 15. What ratio of line length to distance from bow of boat to bottom of water is considered best for most anchoring purposes?**
- A. 3 to 1
  - B. 5 to 1
  - C. 7 to 1
  - D. 10 to 1
- 16. When a secure loop is wanted in the end of a line, a good knot to use is a:**
- A. Clove hitch
  - B. Gasket hitch
  - C. Fisherman's bend
  - D. Bowline
- 17. What do most boating fatalities result from?**
- A. Fires
  - B. explosions
  - C. falls overboard or capsizing
  - D. trauma from a collision

- 18. According to DOI policy, if water and air temperature combined do not exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit which of the items below must be worn?**
- A. Type I PFD
  - B. Auto Inflating PFD
  - C. USCG Approved PFD with Anti-Exposure Characteristics
  - D. Type III work vest PFD
- 19. If your boat swamps or capsizes:**
- A. Have one crew member swim to shore for help
  - B. Everyone should swim for shore, but stay together
  - C. Stay with the boat
  - D. None of the above
- 20. The Heat Escape Lessening Posture (HELP):**
- A. Helps one to float
  - B. Supplies heat to the body
  - C. Causes Hypothermia
  - D. Reduces body heat loss in water
- 21. The best direction to approach an object or another vessel is:**
- A. With the wind or current along straight abeam
  - B. With the wind or current on your stern
  - C. With the bow into the wind or current
  - D. It does not matter, if you have enough horsepower
- 22. The person responsible for the safety of the vessel and all occupants is:**
- A. The department supervisor
  - B. The agency director
  - C. The vessel owner
  - D. The vessel operator
- 23. You observe a red light and a white light 500 yards off your bow at night, you should:**
- A. Maintain course and speed; stand-on
  - B. Alter course and speed; give-way
  - C. Initiate astern propulsion for evasive maneuvers
  - D. Sound 5 short blasts and adjust throttles to neutral

**24. The G.A.R. model is what?**

- A. Mission Planning and Risk Assessment tool
- B. An example of a fish found in southern U.S. waters
- C. The acronym for a maritime traffic signal
- D. All of the above

**25. Boat and Equipment checks should be performed:**

- A. Once per month and reported to the program manager
- B. Once per week by the boat keeper
- C. Twice per year by any crewmember
- D. By the operator prior to each outing and noted in the boat log

**List the top 3 items that concern you during boating operations:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**List 3 items you would like to learn/improve for your boating operations:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe your greatest challenge when performing your boating mission:**

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