



Safety Manual Comprehension Examination

- 1) Three major types of towboats are _____, _____, and _____.

- 2) What is the major safety difference between an outboard motor and a direct drive?
 - A. price
 - B. location of the prop
 - C. length of the boat
 - D. color

- 3) What 2 types of towboats have a trim button to raise and lower the motor unit?
 - A. outboard
 - B. stern drive/IO
 - C. inboard
 - D. both A and B
 - E. both A and C

- 4) What is the first point of contact to any object when reversing in a stern drive towboat?
 - A. the hull
 - B. the fuel tank
 - C. the ski rope
 - D. the propeller

- 5) Outboard and stern drive boats tend to plane when power is applied. What is the greatest risk with towboats that plane out upon take-off?
 - A. this makes it more difficult to pull a skier out of the water
 - B. the driver loses vision of what is in front of him/her when the bow rises



C. these types of boats consume more fuel and should not be used

D. this is a risk for passengers who are walking around when power is applied

6) What should be reviewed prior to operating any towboat at any camp setting?

A. the latest edition of Waterski Magazine

B. state and local laws regarding safety equipment requirements and regulations

C. the manufacturer's warranty

D. the schedule for the day

7) The camp counselor should verify the type B1 fire extinguisher is fully charged.

True or False

8) How many life jackets should be on board each towboat?

A. 3

B. 5

C. the number on the capacity plate

D. one for each passenger on the towboat

9) What are the most common ways to communicate with the shore or others in case of emergency?

A. air horn

B. flare

C. two-way radios

D. smoke signals

E. All of the above

10) A rear view mirror is a safe alternative to an observer when skiing.

True or False

11) The ski pylon and ski rope may be used to tow another boat with motor failure?

True or False

12) What information will always be displayed on the capacity plate of any towboat?

A. the length of the boat, width of the boat, and engine size

B. the maximum number of people allowed, maximum load or weight, and max horsepower of engine



C. the weight of the boat, color of the boat, and tower style

D. what state the boat is registered in and the registration numbers

13) During the startup procedure the driver should verify the throttle engages correctly and that the towboat steers in the desired direction.

True or False?

14) How often does WaterskiWorks recommend the fuel should be checked?

A. every other day

B. prior to each use

C. never - maintenance personnel are responsible for this

D. once a week

15) How often does WaterskiWorks recommend the battery connections should be checked?

A. daily

B. weekly

C. never

D. when the towboat does not start correctly

16) The blower is designed to remove _____ from inside the engine compartment.

A. water

B. oil

C. gas vapors

D. none of the above

17) The blower ONLY needs to be run in the morning before the start of the day.

True or False

18) The _____ is considered the gas pedal of the towboat.

A. emergency clip

B. key

C. the brakes

D. throttle

19) The driver and observer must know and follow the rules and regulations of:



A. USCG

B. state laws

C. local laws

D. all the above

20) The observer and skier must know and communicate through:

A. two-way radio headsets

B. verbal communication by shouting back and forth

C. nonverbal communication specialized for skiers and towboat operators, skier signs

D. camp director

21) A _____ take-off or acceleration will minimize skier's instability and increase success with beginners.

A. fast

B. sporadic

C. controlled

D. very slow

22) The WaterskiWorks minimum distance the towboat must navigate around a fallen skier in the water is:

A. forty five feet

B. no distance is required; after all the skier must get back in the boat at some time

C. twenty five feet

D. as far as the observer can toss the ski rope

23) An acceptable practice is to allow a skier to dismount or cut toward a dock.

True or False

24) When docking, it is important to be aware of the vessels _____.

A. momentum

B. color

C. motor

D. interior

25) The primary responsibility of the observer is to _____.

A. leisurely ride in the boat

B. keep the driver awake

C. effective communication to the driver of happenings around them

D. only give ski tips to the skier

26) The primary responsibility of the driver is to _____ to ensure safety of all surroundings.

A. control the volume on the radio

B. maintain complete control of the towboat

C. check the oil

D. gives ski lessons

27) An exceptional coach will always:

- A. evaluate the skills of each camper
- B. instruct each camper based on their individual skill level
- C. ensure a safe environment and fun environment for the campers
- D. all the above

28) The most effective way to teach a beginner is to start with a _____.

- A. video
- B. example from friends
- C. land lesson
- D. new expensive ski

29) All _____ should be reviewed with each camper to ensure an understanding of communication.

- A. skier abilities
- B. skier signs (or hand signals)
- C. schedules
- D. ranks in the class

30) During the operation and towing, the driver must keep his/her _____ on the throttle at all times.

- A. eyes
- B. elbow
- C. hand
- D. finger

31) The driver should verify all of the following when making a turn in a towboat EXCEPT?

- A. verify with observer there are no vessels approaching from behind
- B. verify there are no boats in direction of turn
- C. verify there are no obstacles in the direction of turn
- D. verify that you have time for another lap

32) WaterskiWorks recommends that if a driver loses the ability to steer, he or she should first turn off the engine and then check on the safety of the passengers?

True or False

33) Which of the following are proper techniques for a pre-launch water position for two-ski? (Circle all correct answers)

- A. knees bent as close to the chest as possible
- B. arms straight at all times
- C. arms straight while at idle, but bend as the towboat takes off
- D. elbows should be inside the knees
- E. Look down at the water and tips of the skis as the towboat takes off

34) When making a right turn on two skis, the skier should:

- A. lean into the turn
- B. place the majority of the weight on the inside left ski to stay behind the boat
- C. never try to turn, the boat will always lead the way
- D. place the majority of the weight on the inside right ski to stay behind the boat

35) When a skier is beside or behind the towboat the

- A. driver should back up so the skier can board
- B. driver should never engage the throttle in reverse
- C. driver should adjust the volume on the radio
- D. driver should ask the observer if the skier is okay

36) WaterskiWorks suggest all of the following EXCEPT _____ when participating in a camp waterski program this summer.

- A. grow the love of waterskiing
- B. have fun safely
- C. make a safe positive impact on your campers
- D. concern about personal ski time