

**TRANSPORT CANADA OFFICE OF BOATING SAFETY PACIFIC
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Check Criteria for Pleasure Craft License

This Transport Canada, Office of Boating Safety Pacific PCCC bulletin is issued under the authority of the Regional Manager Boating Safety, Transport Canada in order to provide clarity and direction to PCCC checkers. The information in this bulletin provides additional and updated information to the TC PCCC manual. **Any questions or enquires concerning this bulletin or any other particulars of the TC PCCC program are to be directed to Boating Safety Officer Mike Mitchell, Officer Primary Interest Transport Canada Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check Program.**

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Small Vessel Regulations Part 1

Vessel license:

7. (1) Subject to sub (2), this part applies to every vessel principally maintained or operated in Canada

- (b) In the case of a pleasure craft, does not exceed 15 tons gross tonnage and is equipped permanently or temporarily with a motor of 7.5Kw or more or with more than one motor, the aggregate power is 7.5Kw or more.

(2) This part does not apply to a vessel described in sub (1) that is;

- (a) Registered under the act;
- (b) Registered or licensed in accordance with the laws of another country and not principally maintained in Canada;
- (c) A life boat or other survival craft that is part of the equipment of a ship; or ***(This does not apply to small tender boats which are used as transportation between the shore and a larger pleasure craft)***
- (d) An amphibious vehicle for which a provincial automobile license for highway travel is required. ***(This exemption will no longer be in effect once the Small Vessel Regulations 2007 come into force)***

8. (1) No person shall operate a vessel unless under 9 or 12, as applicable, a license has been issued to the owner for the vessel or, under 14, a license has been issued to a dealer who is demonstrating the vessel.

(2) In any prosecution for a violation of sub (1) it shall be presumed until otherwise proven that no licence has been issued under this part for the vessel in respect of which the prosecution is brought. ***(The physical paper copy of the vessel license must be produced)***

Amendments to the TC PCCC Student Manual 2004

- ***Pleasure Craft Licensing comes under the authority of the Minister of Transport Canada; (in the past it was the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans).***
- ***As of April 1, 2006 pleasure craft licenses are obtained from Service Canada. Canada Customs/Canadian Border Services no longer administer this program on behalf of Transport Canada. Contact information on the nearest Service***

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Canada Office can be obtained by calling 1-800-O-Canada or at
www.servicecanada.gc.ca

- Please up date your PCCC manual on pages 26, 27, 31, 32, 33 and 34 to reflect the above changes.

More detailed information on how to license a pleasure craft can be obtained from the Internet at <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/> or <http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca/>

Check Criteria for Pleasure Craft Licensing:

- Mandatory for vessels of less than 15 tons, gross tonnage, fitted with a motor (or motors) with a total power output of at least 7.5Kw (10 Hp) or more.
- A copy or the original paper copy of the license must be produced.
- The number on the hull must be the same as on the copy of the license.
- After you ask for the owner's name, confirm it is the same as the license.
- If the owner's name or vessel license is not the same as the documentation then the requirements for vessel license have not been met.
- ***The pleasure craft must be confirmed as being correctly licensed to the owner authorizing the PCCC in order to pass this compulsory check item.***
- The markings must be on both sides of the bow (or as close as possible) at least 75mm (3 inch) in contrasting colors. ***(Vessel license numbers found near the mid ships or stern may be accepted so long as the numbers are 75 mm, in contrasting colors and found on both sides of the craft. The vessel owner shall be advised of the proper placement when they next replace the vessel license numbers.)***
- A tender boat with a motor of at least 7.5Kw must also be licensed.



PWC with new Alpha Numbering Licensing
BC refers to British Columbia



Pleasure craft displaying 'K' license (prior to April 1, 2006) on the wheelhouse. This number is not located each side of the bow, but can be accepted by the checker as it meets all other criteria.