



NSSA Tested Driver Program

On-Water Practical Evaluation for Class A Driver Learner's Permit

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Instructions: In addition to the online course and written examination, a NSSA Class A Driver Learner's Permit applicant must satisfactorily complete an on-water practical evaluation. The applicant must operate the towboat while towing a skier and demonstrate proficiency in the areas listed below. The session will begin with the boat docked and the engine off. A NSSA Tested Class A, B or C Driver will ride in the boat as the applicant completes the necessary steps to take the skier on a safe ride and return him and the boat safely to the starting area.

Applicant's Name _____ Membership # _____

Area Code/Phone _____ Email Address _____

Team _____

TASK	SCORING SCALE 1 - 5		TOTAL	AVERAGE
	Skier #1	Skier #2		
PRELIMINARY START-UP PROCEDURES:				
1. Equipment Check: Check safety equipment, vapors, bilge, blower, etc.				
2. Starting and Maneuvering the Boat - Check for people and obstructions in the water, proper start procedure with driver in operator's seat, etc.				
3. Communication with Skier - Explain the intended boat path, determine if the skier is a beginner and if he knows the skier safety signals, etc.				
PULLING THE SKIER:				
1. Acceleration - proper throttle control for the ability and experience of the skier				
2. Steering - directional control while monitoring boat traffic, obstructions and communication with observer				
3. Stabilizing the Speed - ability to control speed during and after take-off				
4. Adjusting the Speed (to skier request) - ability to react to observer input and restabilize speed at a new level				
5. Return to Fallen Skier - proper use of "half-turn" or "key-hole" pattern passing downwind/current with the skier on the driver's side of the boat				
6. Landing the Skier - ability to control direction and speed of the boat while maintaining proper relationships to obstructions, docks and landing area				
7. Returning Boat to the Dock - ability to control and maneuver boat in docking area with attention to possible swimmers, equipment and obstructions				
OVERALL SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS: Awareness of all safety factors with particular consideration to the skier, boat and skier area.				
NOTE: A SCORE OF 2 OR BELOW IN ANY SKILL IS CONSIDERED FAILING			TOTAL SCORE:	
Circle One: PASS FAIL			AVERAGE SCORE = Total Above ÷ 11:	

Test Administrator's Printed Name _____ Rating _____ USA-WSWS Member # _____

Signature _____ Evaluation Date _____