



State of Connecticut  
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
**Boating Division**  
P.O. Box 280, 333 Ferry Road  
Old Lyme, CT 06371-0280

## **EQUIVALENCY EXAM INFORMATION SHEET**

The Equivalency Examination may be taken as one of the prerequisites for the issuance of the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

**Note: Taking an approved combination boating/personal watercraft/waterskiing course is recommended.**

The Equivalency Examination is written for the **experienced** boaters who knows the rules and regulations for safe boating on all Connecticut waters.

The examination covers general information and safety topics, including, but not limited to:

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| 1. Registration              | 11. Boating Under the Influence   |
| 2. Certification             | 12. Aquatic Nuisances   |
| 3. Towing                    | 13. Rules of the Nautical Road  |
| 4. Anchoring                 | 14. Safety Equipment  |
| 5. PFD Requirements and Fit  | 15. Aids to Navigation  |
| 6. Visual Distress Equipment | 16. Speed Regulations   |
| 7. Fire Prevention           | 17. Age Restrictions  |
| 8. Sound Signals             | 18. Water Sports  |
| 9. Carbon Monoxide           | 19. The Operation of <b>all</b> recreational vessels<br>including personal watercraft (i.e. jet-skies)<br>canoes and kayaks |
| 10. Hypothermia              |   |

\* Most, but not all, of the questions are covered in the [Connecticut Boater's Guide](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boatersguide) (which can be picked up at your town hall, DMV offices, local DEEP offices, public libraries or downloaded from the internet at [www.ct.gov/deep/boatersguide](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boatersguide))

\* The Exam covers all aspects of a basic boating/personal watercraft/waterskiing course.

\* A score of 80% or better is required to pass. A score of 78% or below is a failing score and the examinee would then be required to take an eight (8) hour course that is approved by the State of Connecticut and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

\* The equivalency exam may only be taken once.

### **CONSERVATION ID NUMBER:**

**You must have a Conservation ID Number before taking the exam. If you do not have a Conservation ID Number, you can apply for one (free of charge) at: <https://www.ct.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales>**

### **FEES:**

\* \$75.00 to take the Equivalency Exam (**check or money order made payable to the "DEEP" mailed to the address above**). The exam fee is payable when submitting the completed Equivalency Exam Application. **NO CASH OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED VIA MAIL.**

\* \$50.00 fee for the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

### **REFUND:**

Refunds will be issued by submitting a written request.

### **TEST DATES, TIME AND LOCATION:**

Please mail your application package, exam date and payment to the address above. If the requested exam date is available, a confirmation letter will be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to you. **The confirmation letter and valid photo identification are required for entrance into the exam.**

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**APPLICATION FOR EQUIVALENCY EXAM**

**REQUIRED FIELDS  
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

\*Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ \*State: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Day Time Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ \* E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Id: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Have you previously taken the Equivalency Exam?  Yes  No

If yes, prior testing date and location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Anyone who requires auxiliary aids may call Jerry Desmond at (860) 447-4350 or TDD at (860) 424-3000.

**Office Use Only**

Exam Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Exam Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Exam Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Payment: Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order# \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of payment: \$75.00

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**ALL EQUIVALENCY EXAMS ARE GIVEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

*Applications must be received at least two weeks before the requested exam date.*

The following list of exam dates are for Marine Headquarters in Old Lyme. The exam day is Friday from **April** to **September**. All exams start promptly at **8:30am**.

April 17, 2020

May 8, 2020

June 12, 2020

July 10, 2020

August 7, 2020

September 4, 2020

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