**Vessel Examiner - Practice Test**

The exam is a combination of Essay, Multiple Choice, True or False, and Enumeration. The questions were taken from the Vessel Safety Check Manual (COMDTINST M16796.8A), and ANSC Forms: 7003, 7008, 7012, and 7012A as a reference.

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| 1. PFDs should be kept in their original packaging and stowed in a locked cabinet until needed in an emergency? |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. Each carburetor must have its own backfire flame control. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. Who accepts an operational facility offer of use and inspection? |
| 1. District Commodore 2. Flotilla Commander 3. Director of the Auxiliary (DIRAUX) 4. District Commander   Answer: |

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| 1. Boats registered with states must display the following (Mark all that apply): |
| 1. The letter-and-number combination on each side of the forward half of the vessel 2. Letters and numbers must be painted or permanently attached 3. They must be plain block letters and numbers at least three inches high 4. The state validation sticker should be affixed within six inches of the registration number, in accordance with state requirements   Answer: |

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| 1. Which statement is not true on batteries? |
| 1. Batteries should be secured 2. Plastic battery boxes are recommended but not required 3. Covering just the positive terminal is acceptable to prevent accident arcing; however, some states may require both terminals be covered 4. Vessels with outboards are required to have battery terminals covered   Answer: |

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| 1. Open boats are exempted from ventilation requirements. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. What are allowed exceptions to the regulations regarding carriage of Visual Distress Signals (VDS)? |
| 1. A vessel participating in a regatta 2. Sailboat less than 26 feet in length w/open construction and not equipped with propulsion machinery 3. Any boat on inland waters between sunset and sunrise 4. All the above   Answer: |

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| 1. How many types of Marine Sanitation Devices (MSD) are there? |
| 1. 1 2. 2 3. 3 4. 4   Answer: |

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| 1. If operating in offshore waters, additional safety gear that should be carried include? |
| 1. EPIRB 2. An inflatable raft 3. GPS devices with VHF-FM (DSC) with GPS input 4. All the above   Answer: |

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| 1. Boats being examined on Inland Waters or waters not defined as International by the Navigation Rules must use the Inland lighting setup. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. What VHF channel is designated as the primary hailing and distress channel? |
| 1. 10 2. 12 3. 16 4. 36   Answer: |

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| 1. Which vessels are counted as Paddlecraft? |
| 1. Canoes 2. Kayaks 3. Rowboats 4. All the above   Answer: |

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| 1. It is a good idea to both know where the HIN of a paddle craft is located and to keep a copy of it in a safe place. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. When checking registration, a VE should pay attention to (mark all that apply): |
| 1. The expiration date of the registration 2. Address of the registration 3. Check the vessel to ensure the state issued identification letters/numbers match the registration 4. None of the above   Answer: |

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| 1. List the best answer that describes wearing uniforms while doing a VSC. |
| 1. The Operational Dress Uniform (ODU) is the preferred uniform; however, the polo shirt can be worn 2. Auxiliarists shall wear a life jacket when the vessel is in the water 3. When more than one vessel examiner from the same organization is performing VSCs at the same location, all VEs should wear the same uniform 4. All the above   Answer: |

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| 1. To remain certified, a VE must complete at least five VSCs every calendar year after initial certification. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. If a VE allows his certification to lapse for less than five years, how many VSC's must be completed under the supervision of a certified VE to regain certification? |
| 1. 1 2. 2 3. 3 4. 4   Answer: |

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| 1. A formal report must be made within 48 hours if (mark all that apply): |
| 1. first aid was required to treat an injury 2. medical treatment beyond first aid was required 3. a person dies 4. more than $500 damage was caused   Answer: |

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| 1. The overall condition of the fire extinguisher such as rust, leaks, or corrosion can be cause for disqualification. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. If a vessel fails an Operational Facility inspection, then the inspection counts as a VSC. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. All of these are required on paddlecraft except for: |
| 1. Type IV PFD's 2. Type I/II/III/V PFD's for each person onboard 3. a sound producing device 4. navigational lights   Answer: |

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| 1. Although not a Federal Requirement for issuing a VSC decal, which of the following are true regarding anchors and anchor line? |
| 1. Ensure the boat is equipped with the proper type anchor 2. A three to six-foot length of galvanized chain should be attached to the anchor 3. Discuss with boater the general rule regarding the length of anchor line needs to be 5-7 times the depth of the water 4. All the above   Answer: |

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| 1. A new VSC will be required if more than 24 hours elapse between the original VSC and when the deficiencies are corrected. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. Every documented vessel must have an official number: |
| 1. Displayed near the hull identification number (HIN) 2. Clearly marked on the exterior of the hull 3. Marked by any permanent method in some clearly visible interior structural part of the hull 4. Displayed with the state registration number on both sides of the forward half of the vessel   Answer: |

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| 1. What Form is used to perform inspections on motor vessels or motorboats? |
| 1. 7001 2. 7002 3. 7003 4. 7005   Answer |

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| 1. Cursive script in registration letters and numbers painted on the hull are allowed if they are easily identifiable? |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. What is the one activity the VE should do when completing a VSC examination? |
| 1. Determine measurements, such as length or beam 2. Attempt to discover spots of dry rot or other deteriorated areas that are not readily apparent to the eye 3. The VE shall inform the operator that items listed on the right side of forms (7012/7012A) are strictly advisory and not required 4. Help the operator calibrate electronic devices   Answer: |

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| 1. Certain gear on a vessel must be Coast Guard, S.A.E. or U.L. approved to be eligible for a VSC decal. Which items must have this approval? |
| 1. Life Jackets, VDSs, Fire Extinguishers, anchors, MSDs 2. Life jackets, Fire Extinguishers, First aid kits, navigation lights, MSDs 3. VDSs, Life jackets, Fire extinguishers, Backfire flame arresters, MSDs 4. VDSs, Fire Extinguishers, Backfire flame arresters, MSDs, Navigation lights     Answer: |

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| 1. Which of these are considered failing for the overall condition of a vessel (mark all that apply)? |
| 1. Electrical system is exposed to the elements 2. Portable fuel tanks are constructed of a non-breakable material 3. Corrosion of the fuel tank 4. Fishing rods on the floor of the boat   Answer: |

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| 1. When choosing a child’s life jacket what are the recommendations the VE should explain to the boat owner/operator (mark all that apply)? |
| 1. USCG approved and child’s weight falls within the range specified on the label 2. Children should be fitted with Type II life jackets, not Type III 3. Parents should pick the child up by grasping the shoulders of life jacket; if it fits properly, the child’s chin and ears will not slip through 4. A child’s life jacket should be tested in the water immediately after purchase to ensure it works properly   Answer: |

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| 1. All boating accidents that result in a death must be reported to the local and state authorities when: |
| 1. Immediately 2. Within 24 Hours 3. Within 36 Hours 4. Within 48 Hours   Answer: |

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| 1. Which statement is not true concerning life jacket use? |
| 1. Children under 13 years of age must wear an approved life jacket underway unless they are below decks 2. Inflatable devices are approved only for use on recreational vessels by persons at least 16 years of age 3. The VE must examine every life jacket on board, regardless of whether they are needed to meet requirement that the vessel carry one for every person aboard 4. Federal regulations require life jackets for racing shells, rowing sculls and racing kayaks   Answer: |

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| 1. All state regulations (as well as federal) must be met before a VSC decal can be placed on the vessel. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. Certified Vessel Examiners can perform a VSC when? |
| 1. only in their division area of operations 2. within their district 3. In all 50 states and all territories of the U.S. 4. Only within their flotilla’s area of operations 5. In all 50 states   Answer: |

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| 1. Vessels under 22 feet that are powered by sail, oar, or paddles can use a flashlight w/ spare battery to meet the requirements of having a Visual Distress Signal on board. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. When checking for proper ventilation, a Vessel Examiner should (mark all that apply): |
| 1. Look into the fuel and engine compartments/spaces 2. Check for fuel or gas odors/leaks 3. Check for a Certificate of Compliance for boats built after 31 May 1970 4. Ensure that there are no blocked or obstructed openings that prevent free flow of fresh air 5. Have the owner turn on the blower so that air can be felt from the blower   Answer: |

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| 1. The mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary program is? |
| 1. Compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws 2. Assist vessel examiners to educate members of the public 3. Provide awareness of safety issues through one-on-one contact by vessel examiners 4. All the above   Answer: |

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| 1. What type of operational facility is inspected using Form 7008? |
| 1. Twin Engine Aircraft 2. PWC 3. Sailboat 4. 30’ Cabin Cruiser   Answer: |

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| 1. The VSC is not a complete survey of the boat. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. All PWC’s do not have to have a kill-switch or self-circling mechanism. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. Boating accidents that do not result in death, injury, or disappearance must be reported to the local and state authorities: |
| 1. Immediately 2. Within 24 hours 3. Within 36 hours 4. Within 48 hours 5. Within 10 days   Answer: |

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| 1. Auxiliarists who are also law enforcement personnel have no conflict of interest when performing VSC's. |
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| 1. All vessels 26 feet and longer must always carry a copy of the Navigation Rules. |
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| 1. Red denotes starboard side |
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| 1. Attachments to the carburetor or the engine air induction system shall be of metallic construction with flame tight connections firmly secured. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. What is the maximum, normal vessel length for a VE to examine? |
| 1. Vessel over 65 to 75 feet with permission from the DIRAUX district office 2. Vessels up to but less than 70 feet 3. Vessels under 65 feet 4. Vessels up to 60 feet   Answer: |

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| 1. A completed 7003 should be forwarded up the chain of leadership for signatures if the vessel fails the exam. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. The VSC is primarily a check of safety equipment. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. Testing dry chemical extinguisher by holding the fire extinguisher invented and hitting the base of the extinguisher with the palm of the hand is one method to check the extinguisher. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. All vessels of what length must have a Pollution Placard (Oily Waste Discharge)? |
| 1. Over 14 feet 2. Over 21 feet 3. 26 feet or greater 4. Over 28 feet 5. Over 39 feet   Answer: |

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| 1. The supervising VE is given credit for all trainee performed VSCs. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. A placard at least 4 x 9 inches notifying the crew and passengers of garbage dumping restrictions must be on a vessel of what length? |
| 1. Over 14 feet 2. 26 feet or greater 3. Over 29 feet 4. Over 39 feet   Answer: |

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| 1. Which of the following is not true regarding Garbage Dumping Restrictions? |
| 1. A trash placard is not required on inland lakes and sole state waters 2. It is illegal to discharge garbage in the Great Lakes and other navigable waters of the United States 3. Only one placard can be placed on a vessel 4. A person must be designated in writing for carrying out the Trash Management Plan   Answer: |

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| 1. At least one wearable Life Jacket (PFD) for each person on board must be on board to meet VSC requirements for boats that are: |
| 1. Less than 16’ in length 2. 26’ or greater in length 3. 40’ or greater in length 4. All vessels   Answer: |

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| 1. Which statement is not correct about life Jackets PFDs? |
| 1. Inflatable jackets are the most lightweight and comfortable 2. Boaters should buy life jackets that are appropriate for their body size and planed activities 3. Children’s life jackets are approved for only three specific weight ranges 4. Ring Buoys are classified as a Type III   Answer: |

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| 1. Auxiliary Facility Inspections: |
| 1. Must be approved by the Flotilla Commander first 2. Must be approved by the Division Commander first 3. Can only be done by an Auxiliary Vessel Examiner 4. May be done with the approval of the DIRAUX officer first   Answer: |

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| 1. The grids on the flame arrester should be clean and not filled with dirt or grime |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. What must the VE look for when examining the Visual Distress Signals? (Mark all that apply) |
| 1. Valid expiration date 2. Properly stowed and accessible 3. VDS must be in good overall condition 4. Legibly marked with approval number or certificate statement     Answer: |

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| 1. A dirty backfire flame arrester will function properly and prevent flames from existing the carburetor. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. All the following is true on documented vessels except: |
| 1. The document identifies the nationality of the vessel 2. The document identifies the authorized use of the vessel 3. All pleasure vessels that are at least 5 tons must be documented with the Coast Guard 4. The Certificate of Documentation must always be carried on board   Answer: |

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| 1. A VSC is being performed on 19’ boat equipment with a 150 horsepower out boat motor. The capacity plate shows a maximum horsepower rating of 90. The VE should: |
| 1. Award the decal but advise the boater that the Boat/motor combination is unsafe 2. Award the decal since boat horsepower and capacity plates are not VSC requirements 3. Withhold the decal and advise the boater that the boat/motor combination is unsafe 4. Award the decal since horsepower and capacity plates are not VSC requirements but advise the boater that the boat/motor combination is unsafe   Answer: |

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| 1. Excessive high or low readings on the gauge of a fire extinguisher can be a cause of disqualification. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. New terminology is used throughout the VSC manual and they discuss four words: Shall, Must, Should, and May. Select the best answer. |
| 1. They all mean the same thing 2. “Must” means that the vessel examiner is specifically required to take a particular action 3. “Shall and must” have the same meaning 4. When the word “should” is used, it means that the procedure is optional; however, strongly recommended   Answer: |

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| 1. A recreational vessel less than 65 feet should monitor channel 16 if a VHF-FM radio is carried onboard. |
| 1. True. Only if the radio is operation and not being used for communications 2. False. It is at the discretion of the operator 3. Only if it is an Operational Facility 4. Only if required to have an FCC license   Answer: |

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| 1. Which of the following is not an USCG approved Visual Distress Signal Device? |
| 1. Electric flashing SOS light 2. Handheld orange smoke 3. Orange flag 4. Inverted flag   Answer: |

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| 1. The overall condition of a vessel can make a vessel fail a VSC |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. The requirements for an operational facility include using forms 7012 and 7012A and then forms 7003 and 7008. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. What is an MSD? |
| 1. Maritime Surveillance Device 2. Maritime Sanitary Device 3. Marine Sanitation Device 4. Mechanical Sanitary Device   Answer: |

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| 1. Recreational boats with installed heads (MSD) are required to have. |
| 1. A Type l, II, or III MSD if under 65 feet 2. A Type III MSD to recirculate waste 3. Type l and II are not required to have placard showing the type and USCG certification 4. A Type l, II, or III MSD if under 39.9 feet   Answer: |

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| 1. How many Type IV PFD’s are required for a 30-foot vessel with five people aboard? |
| 1. 4 2. 2 3. 1 4. 0   Answer: |

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| 1. While checking a 23’ stern drive boat, you see a fixed fire extinguisher with a current inspection tag. However, the boat doesn’t have any other fire extinguishers aboard. Can you issue the VSC decal? |
| 1. No, all motorboats with inboard engines must carry at least one B – 1 fire extinguisher 2. No, since VE’s are not able to check fixed fire suppression systems 3. Yes, recommend that the boater purchase a hand portable B – 1 or BC – 1 to have available for fires other than in the engine compartment 4. Yes, first you must make sure that the red light goes on at the alarm panel when you press the fixed system test button   Answer: |

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| 1. Operational Facilities must carry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ above the number required for facility size? |
| 1. 2 extra portable fire extinguishers 2. 1 type B – I and 1 type B – II extra fire extinguishers 3. 1 extra portable fire extinguisher 4. 2 B – II type extra fire extinguishers   Answer: |

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| 1. Some of the recommended items are mandated by law in some states. |
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| 1. It is the duty of a VE to report any violations found during the VSC to a law enforcement agency. |
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| 1. For initial certification, how many vessel safety checks (VSCs) must be completed by a trainee under a certified VE? |
| 1. 2 2. 3 3. 4 4. 5 5. 6   Answer: |

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| 1. Boats under 16 feet are not required to have lights installed; however, if the lights have been installed, they must work properly. |
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| 1. Portable toilets are not subject to the same regulations as fully installed toilets. |
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| 1. All old VSC decals must be either removed, or the new decal must be placed directly on the old decal. |
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| 1. Boaters are required to have a license or obtain permission to set up a shipboard radio station in order to operate DSC VHF-FM marine radio. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. Which of the following situation where a vessel is not eligible for vessel safety check? |
| 1. Personal Watercraft (PWC) 2. Government owned recreational boats 3. Government owned patrol boats 4. Uninspected commercial vessels   Answer: |

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| 1. To remain certified, vessel examiners must complete at least how many vessel safety checks each calendar year? |
| 1. Ten (10) 2. Five (5) 3. Three (3) 4. Two (2)   Answer: |

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| 1. Which ANSC Form is used when conducting vessel safety check for paddleboats? |
| 1. ANSC Form 7012A 2. ANSC Form 7012 3. ANSC Form 7003 4. ANSC Form 7008   Answer: |

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| 1. To qualify for a vessel safety check decal, a recreational boat must only meet compliance for safety equipment and marine environmental regulations; including good condition of the vessel and the gear it carries. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. All boats equipped with propulsion machinery (engines) must be only be registered with the U.S. Coast Guard? |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. The size/height of the registration number display must be at least? |
| 1. Two Inches 2. Five Inches 3. Three Inches 4. Any size or height for as long clearly visible   Answer: |

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| 1. Which information below is on a state registration certificate, or certificate of number? |
| 1. Owner information 2. State of principal operation 3. Hull identification number 4. Registration number 5. All the above   Answer: |

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| 1. Which of the following is not true of the requirements for use of life jackets? |
| 1. Must be water resistant and reflective material 2. Properly stored on board the boat 3. In good and serviceable condition 4. U.S. Coast Guard approved   Answer: |

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| 1. Federal regulations do not require life jackets for racing shells, rowing sculls, and racing kayaks. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. Which of the following vessels are not required to carry day signals, but must carry night signals when operating from sunset to sunrise? |
| 1. Power driven boat of 65 feet but not less than 16 feet in length 2. A sailboat equipped with propulsion machinery 3. A manually propelled boat. 4. A cabin cruiser 35 feet in length   Answer: |

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| 1. Which of the following is considered as a USCG approved visual distress day signal? |
| 1. Waterproof Flashlight 2. Buoyant Red Smoke 3. SOS Flashing Light 4. Handheld orange smoke   Answer: |

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| 1. Which of the following classification of boats that is not required by regulations to carry fire extinguishers onboard? |
| 1. All boats with closed compartments and compartments under seats where portable fuel tanks can be stored 2. All boats with double bottoms that are not sealed to the hull or are not filled with flotation materials 3. All boats with closed stowage compartments in which combustible or flammable materials are stowed 4. All boats as this is a necessary safety equipment   Answer: |

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| 1. Every boat with a gasoline engine installed in a vessel after 25 April 1940, including outboard motors, shall be equipped with an acceptable means of backfire flame control? |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. A masthead navigation light means a white light placed over the fore and aft centerline of the boat showing an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of how many degrees? |

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| 1. 112.5 Degrees 2. 225 Degrees 3. 22.5 Degrees 4. 135 Degrees   Answer: |

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| 1. Which of the following require an efficient sound signaling device to comply with the Navigation Rules? |
| 1. Only Class-I motorboats, from 16 feet to less than 26 feet 2. Only Class-II motorboats, from 26 feet to less than 40 feet 3. Only Class-A motorboats, from 16 feet, including PWCs 4. All the above   Answer: |

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| 1. Which vessels must carry a Type –IV PFD? |
| 1. Power vessel over 26 feet 2. All vessels 16 feet or over 3. Canoes, rowboats and kayaks, and boats over 16 feet 4. All vessels   Answer: |

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| 1. Personal watercraft (PWC**) cannot** be offered for use as an operational facility. |
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| 1. A Coast Guard documented vessel must display a State issued validation sticker. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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| 1. Which of the following is considered a correct method to display state numbers? |
| 1. MN-5678JJ 2. MN5678 JJ 3. MN 5678 JJ 4. MN5678JJ   Answer: |

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| 1. Every documented vessel must have an official number\_\_\_\_\_\_? |
| 1. Clearly marked on the exterior number 2. Displayed under the engine hatch cover to be easily seen 3. Marked by any permanent method in some clearly visible interior structural part of the hull 4. Posted near the helm   Answer: |

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| 1. Float plans should be filed with the Coast Guard or other first responders, and not be given to a friend relative or local marina operator before the vessel gets underway for security reasons. |
| 1. True 2. False   Answer: |

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