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:

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

* Most, but not all, of the questions are covered in the CT Boater's Guide which can be picked up at your local your town hall, DMV offices, local DEEP offices, public libraries or downloaded from the internet at www.portal.ct.gov/boating
* 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://ct.aspirafocus.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 will be given on an interactive virtual platform.
All exams start promptly at **8:00am**.

☐ Dec 11, 2020
Application & fee is due by Dec. 7, 2020

2021 Equivalency Examination Dates

☐ April 9, 2021
Application & fee is due by April 2

☐ May 14, 2021
Application & fee is due by May 7

☐ June 11, 2021
Application & fee is due by June 4

☐ July 9, 2021
Application & fee is due by July 2

☐ August 13, 2021
Application & fee is due by August 6

☐ Sept. 10, 2021
Application & fee is due by Sept. 3

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