



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 |
| 10. Hypothermia              | 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 town hall, DMV offices, local DEEP offices, public libraries or downloaded from the internet at <https://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 create 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 must accompany the completed Equivalency Exam Application.  
**NO CASH OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED VIA MAIL.**
- \* \$50.00 fee for the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation to be paid online after successful completion of the exam.

**REFUNDS:** May be requested in writing if you are unable to take the exam. An unsuccessful attempt of the exam cannot be refunded.

**TEST DATES, TIME & LOCATION:** Please mail your application, exam date preference and payment to the address above by the date indicated on the examination schedule. If the requested exam date is available, a confirmation letter will be e-mailed to you. The confirmation letter & valid photo identification are required for entrance into the exam. Virtual examinations will be through Zoom and in-person examinations will be at Marine Headquarters in Old Lyme, CT



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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

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**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 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

*Applications must be received by the date indicated on the schedule below.*

Equivalency Examinations will be conducted through Zoom or in-person at DEEP Marine Headquarters in Old Lyme. Please ensure your selection below has your correct preference.

All exams start promptly at 9:00 a.m.

## 2024 Equivalency Exam Schedule

### Virtual Examinations:

May 3, 2024  
Application & fee is due by May 1

August 1, 2024  
Application & fee is due by July 29

June 22, 2024  
Application & fee is due by June 18

September 6, 2024  
Application & fee is due by September 3

### In-person Examinations:

April 4, 2024  
Application & fee is due by April 1

June 13, 2024  
Application & fee is due by June 10

July 11, 2024  
Application & fee is due by July 8

All equivalency exams are given by appointment only. The confirmation letter and valid photo identification are required for entrance into the exam. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Flynn at (860) 447-4339 or via e-mail at [gwendolynn.flynn@ct.gov](mailto:gwendolynn.flynn@ct.gov).