

## **Ovation Boat Services, Boat Safety additional information**

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### **Preparing for the Boat Exam and Boat Safety Test**

For the boats safety it is best to do a little planning and preparation for your boat safety test although often little is needed.

- Having the last boat safety certificates will help boat safety examiners complete the new boats safety. Boat appliance booklets are often helpful during the boat exam in order to complete correctly the ventilation calculation required for the boats safety.
- For the boat safety certificate examiners will need to see every gas appliance operating including water heaters supplying hot water to sinks and showers. Therefore please ensure sufficient water for up to 15 minutes running. Sufficient battery capacity and gas will also be required.
- Access by boat safety examiners to items like the gas locker, gas joints and electrical fuses is required for the boat exam. If panels require to be removed this ideally should be done before the boat safety test. Although help in doing so at the time of the boats safety is not a problem.
- If the engine and batteries have covers they also will need to be removed before the boats safety. If however these can be removed easily boat safety examiners will not have a problem in doing so on the day of the boat safety exam.
- Most marinas and landowners do not have restrictions on allowing boat safety examiners access for a boats safety. Should your marina or landowner require a copy of my boat safety examiner registration and insurance confirmation this is not a problem. If you are not sure it's best to check before the boat safety exam.
- If your boats safety is to be undertaken on the towpath please ensure good easy road access for boat safety examiners.

### **When to book your boats safety examination**

The boat exam can take place up to 2 months before the expiry date of your current boat safety certificate allowing forward dating of new boat safety certificates. Leaving good time should remedial work that can not be corrected on the day of the boats safety examination.

### **How long does a boats safety examination take?**

For the boat exam allow around two hours but this does vary from boat to boat. For a boats safety you do not need to be present. For around half the boats, boat safety examiners examine the owner is not present.

### **What if the boat fails the boats safety?**

If a boat fails to meet the boat safety test which can not be corrected on the day I will offer advice and guidance on what needs to be done to allow a boat exam pass. As a boat safety examiner and gas safe engineer I allow some time at no extra cost if needed to hopefully correct any failing boat safety exam checks.

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