

The chart below shows the current test weight for each of the main topic standards and what the proposed test weight will be. The blue text shows how the proposed total percentage compares to the current total percentages; however, the proposed total will not be used in the future since each individual standard will have its own required percent of questions.

Test Weighting Revisions

Standard	Current Test Weight		Proposed Test Weight
The Boat	Current Total: 5%		Proposed Total: 2%
Standard 1.1 - Boat Capacities			2%
Standard 1.2 - Boat Registration Requirements			0
Boating Equipment	Current Total: 20%		Proposed Total: 16%
Standard 2.1 - Personal Flotation Device Types and Carriage			2%
Standard 2.2 – Personal Flotation Device Sizing and Availability			2%
Standard 2.3 - Wearing Personal Flotation Devices			4%
Standard 2.4 - Personal Flotation Device Serviceability			2%
Standard 2.5 – Fire Extinguisher Equipment			2%
Standard 2.6 – Back-Fire Flame Control Device			0
Standard 2.7 – Ventilation Systems			0
Standard 2.8 – Navigation Light Equipment			2%
Standard 2.9 - Sound Signaling Equipment			0
Standard 2.10 – Visual Distress Signal Equipment			2%
Trip Planning and Preparation	Current Total: 15%		Proposed Total: 12%
Standard 3.1 - Checking Local Weather And Water Conditions			2%
Standard 3.2 - Checking Local Hazards			2%
Standard 3.3 - Filing a Float Plan			0
Standard 3.4 - Boat Preventive Maintenance			2%

Standard 3.5 – Transporting and Trailering			2%
Standard 3.6 - Fueling Procedures			2%
Standard 3.7 - Pre-Departure Checklist & Passenger Communication			2%
Marine Environment	Current Total: 5%		Proposed Total: 2%
Standard 4.1 – Environmental Laws and Regulations			2%
Standard 4.2 - Human Waste Disposal			0
Standard 4.3 – Disposal of Toxic Substances			0
Safe Boat Operation	Current Total: 25%		Proposed Total: 42%
Standard 5.1 - Operator Responsibilities			8%
Standard 5.2 - Influence of Drugs and Alcohol on Boat Operation			6%
Navigation Rules			
Standard 5.3.1 - Rule of responsibility – Rules 2(a) and 2(b)			2%
Standard 5.3.2 - Proper lookout – Rule 5			4%
Standard 5.3.3 - Safe speed – Rule 6(a)			4%
Standard 5.3.4 - Collision avoidance rules			4%
Standard 5.3.5 - Restricted visibility - Rules 19(a) – (e)			2%
Standard 5.3.6 - Disclaimer			0
Standard 5.4 - Aids to Navigation			4%
Standard 5.5 - Docking and Mooring			2%
Standard 5.6 – Anchoring			2%
Standard 5.7 – Carbon Monoxide			2%
Standard 5.8 – Propeller Intervention & Awareness			2%
Emergency Preparedness	Current Total: 20%		Proposed Total: 14%
Standard 6.1 - Rendering Assistance			2%
Standard 6.2 – Capsizing/Falls Overboard			6%
Standard 6.3 – Cold Water Immersion and Hypothermia Prevention			2%
Standard 6.4- Fire Emergency Preparedness			2%
Standard 6.5 - Running Aground Prevention and Response			2%

Standard 6.6 - Accident Reports			0
Standard 6.7 - Boating Accident Report Form			0
Other Water Activities	Current Total: 10%		Proposed Total: 12%
Standard 7.1 – Personal Watercraft and other Jet Propelled Watercraft			6%
Standard 7.2 - Water Skiing			2%
Standard 7.3 - Diving and Snorkeling			0
Standard 7.4 - Hunting & Fishing			2%
Standard 7.5 – Paddlesports			2%
Total (out of 50 questions)*	100%		100%

***Please note that no changes have been proposed to the Standard 8 items and their test weights.**

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