

**CITY OF SEATAC FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BOAT/TRAILER RODEO COURSE EVALUATION**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **APPARATUS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>1. Lane Change</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
A. Enters at proper speed	_____	_____	_____
B. Uses Mirrors	_____	_____	_____
C. Appropriate distance to clear cones	_____	_____	_____
D. Hit cone(s)	_____	_____	_____
E. Proper position for backing	_____	_____	_____
F. Signals intent to back	_____	_____	_____
G. Uses guide	_____	_____	_____
H. Backs slowly	_____	_____	_____
I. Quick response to guides signals	_____	_____	_____
J. Palms Wheel	_____	_____	_____
<b>2. Backing - Launch/Apparatus Bay</b>			
A. Stops in proper position	_____	_____	_____
B. Signals intent to back	_____	_____	_____
C. Waits for guide to position self	_____	_____	_____
D. Quick response to guides signals	_____	_____	_____
E. Stops before hitting barrier	_____	_____	_____
F. Stops when guide is out of position	_____	_____	_____
G. Backs slowly	_____	_____	_____
<b>3. 90 Degree Turn</b>			
A. Uses appropriate speed	_____	_____	_____
B. Maneuvers to allow room on inside of turn	_____	_____	_____
C. Used Mirrors	_____	_____	_____
D. Hit Cone(s)	_____	_____	_____
E. Stays inside traffic lanes	_____	_____	_____
F. Palms Wheel	_____	_____	_____
<b>4. General Attributes</b>			
A. Attentive	_____	_____	_____
B. Confident	_____	_____	_____
C. Nervous or hesitant	_____	_____	_____
D. Follows Guide's Directions	_____	_____	_____
E. Steering			
1. Steers smoothly, not abrupt	_____	_____	_____
2. Hands in 9 and 3 O'clock position	_____	_____	_____
<b>5. Guide - Name</b> _____			
A. Stays in sight of driver	_____	_____	_____
B. Gives proper signals	_____	_____	_____
C. Stops driver before hitting barrier	_____	_____	_____
D. Causes driver extra maneuver	_____	_____	_____

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EVALUATOR'S COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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AREAS REQUIRING FURTHER TRAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

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Over two mistakes in any of the skill stations will constitute a failure of that station. Failure of any of the above stations will mean disqualification of the Rodeo course and require a mandatory retest.

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Evaluator  
Revised 07/09

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Date

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**Event Descriptions**

1. Lane Change - Operator drives vehicle and trailer forward maneuvering through cones as if making a lane change or driving around an obstacle. Driver may make lane change to the right or to the left. The vehicle and trailer is then backed through the station, passing on the opposite sides of the cones to those of the forward maneuver. This exercise develops judgment and accuracy for changing lanes with a trailer. Operation should be smooth, without stops or excessive use of the brakes. The distance between the lanes is the length of the apparatus being used. **Palming the steering wheel is not permitted.**
  
2. Backing Launch/Bay - Operator places vehicle and trailer in a position to back into slot. A guide(s) is placed and the vehicle is backed into the slot. Movement forward and backward must be continuous. Only one position realignment is permitted. This exercise simulates entering and leaving quarters and boat launch areas. The width of the opening and street size should be approximate to the average station and street dimensions. **Palming the steering wheel is not permitted.**
  
3. 90 Degree Turn - Operator drives vehicle and trailer through cones and maneuvers through a 90 degree turn to the right. Operator must leave appropriate room on the right hand side of the vehicle and trailer while not drifting outside of traffic lane. This station helps to develop good judgment in avoiding collisions with fixed objects. Movement should be smooth and at a speed appropriate for making turns. No re-adjustment is allowed during turn. **Palming the steering wheel is not permitted.**
  
4. General Attributes - General temperament to driving conditions are observed. This category is used to help determine competency.
  
5. Guide - Backing guides are graded on their ability to direct vehicle operators into or through a given space. Guides are also graded on using proper hand signals. Operators are graded on their ability to follow a guide's direction. Operators must not make turns independent of the guide's direction. When appropriate, guides and operators should discuss intended route prior to starting a station.