

# Modernizing the Pleasure Craft Operator Competency Program

## Modernisation du Programme de compétence des conducteurs d'embarcations de plaisance

December 2020



# National survey / Sondage national

Conducted December 8 – 16, 2020

Transmitted by provincial outfitters  
associations

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- Alberta Professional Outfitters Society
- Association of Mackenzie Mountains  
Outfitters / NWT Tourism
- Guide Outfitters Association of British  
Columbia
- Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association
- Nature and Outdoor Tourism Ontario

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Transmis par les associations provinciales  
de pourvoiries

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- New Brunswick Professional Outfitter Guide  
Association
- Newfoundland & Labrador Outfitters  
Association
- Quebec Outfitters Federation
- Saskatchewan Commission of Professional  
Outfitters
- Yukon Outfitters Association

# Nombre de répondants / Number of respondents

285 répondants

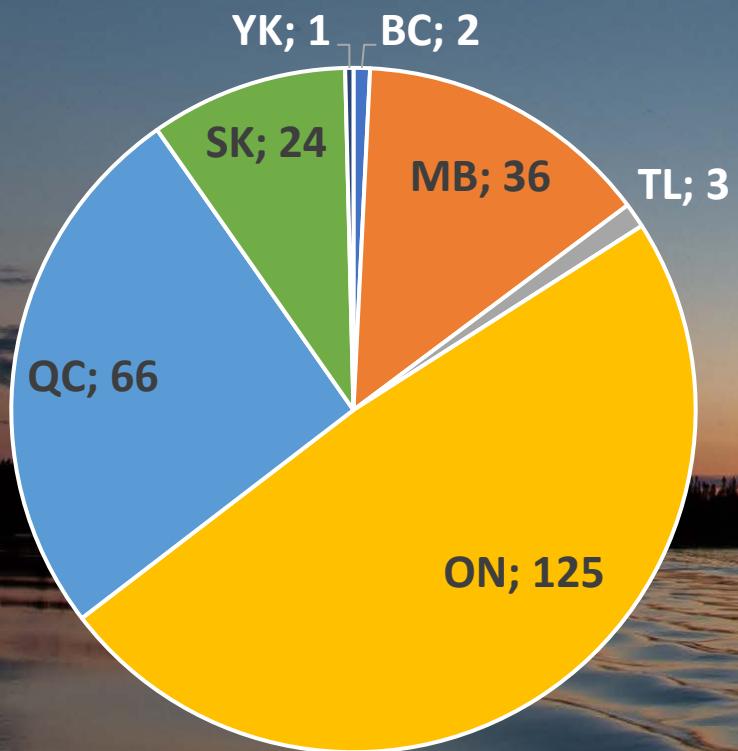
(16 n'ont pas d'embarcations à moteur)

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285 respondents

(16 don't offer motorized boats)

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# Caractéristiques des embarcations

## Boat characteristics

Nombre de répondants Number of respondents	Nombre de bateaux Number of boats	% des bateaux de moins de 6 m % of boats of less than 6 meters in length
46	1 – 5	83%
51	6 – 10	94%
43	11 – 15	92%
30	16 – 20	95%
98	20 +	98%

# Clientèle / Clientele

**120 000 clients annuellement**

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**67% ne possèdent pas de Carte de conducteur d'embarcation de plaisance (CCEP)**

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**60% ne sont pas des résidents canadiens**

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**120 000 clients annually**

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**67% do not have a Pleasure craft operator card (PCOC)**

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**60% are not Canadian residents**

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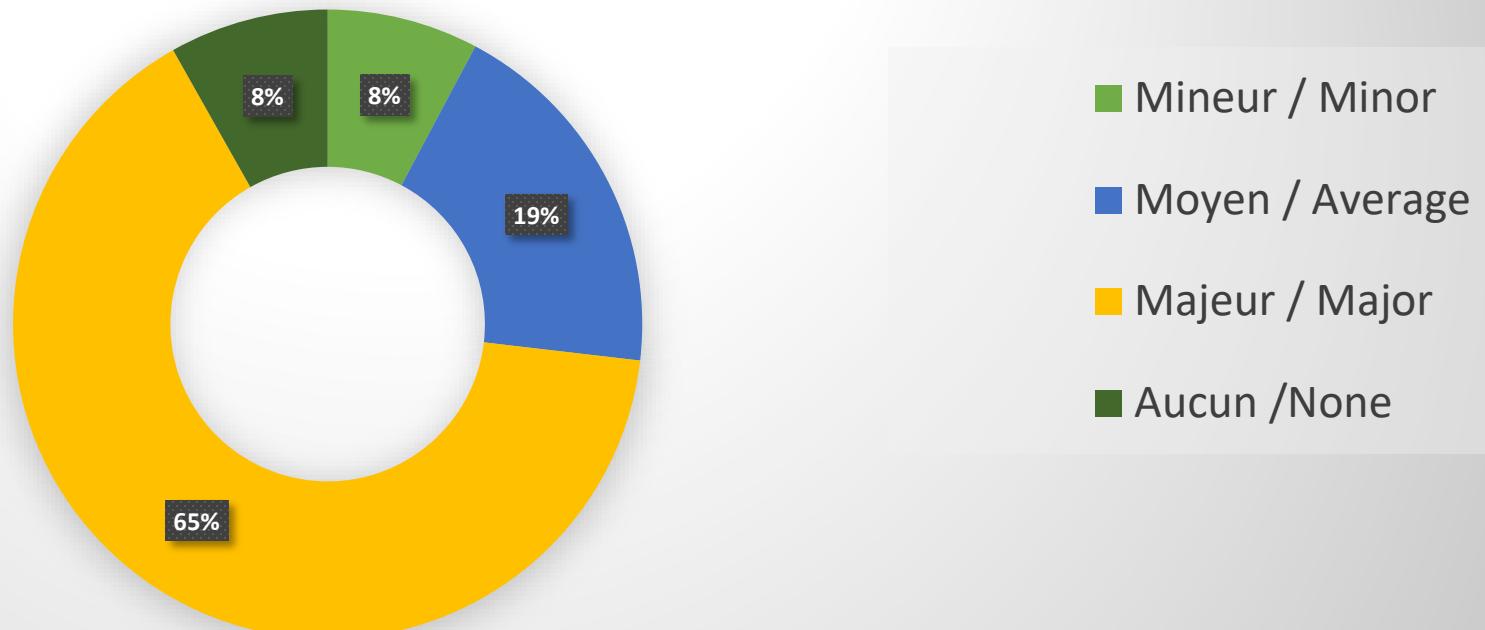
**Les plans d'eau utilisés par les clients des pourvories ayant répondu au sondage**  
**Bodies of water used by the clients of the outfitters who responded to the survey**

Lac de moins de 4 km (2 milles nautiques) d'une rive à l'autre	153
Lake of less than 4 km (2 nautical miles) from one shore to the other	
Lac de plus de 4 km (2 milles nautiques) d'une rive à l'autre	124
Lake more than 4 km (2 nautical miles) from one shore to the other	
Rivières	49
Rivers	
Eaux à marée et océans	3
Tidal waters and oceans	

# IMPACT

**Selon vous, quel serait l'impact de l'abandon de la liste de vérification de sécurité sur votre entreprise ?**

**What do you think the impact of dropping the safety checklist would have on your business?**



## COMMENTAIRES / COMMENTS

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- It will be near impossible to arrange for a certain customer base (primarily US citizens) to get a pleasure craft card just for one trip / year
- *This would devastate northern tourism.*
- This will put even more stress on the industry and might even be a bridge too far for many businesses in our industry considering we are on the edge now already having lost a year's income due to the Covid shutdown and the Canada/US border closure.
- *The current safety checklist is more adaptable to local conditions including proper use of the boat being rented, and conditions on the actual body of water it will be used on. A course taken on computer will not provide the same benefits for our fishing clientele using smaller watercraft on uncrowded bodies of water...and will only cause a loss of business with no increase in safety. Perhaps this makes sense in certain regions, but this should not be a broad-brush approach to solving a nonexistent problem.*
- La majorité des clients qui ont une carte d'embarcation ont oublié plusieurs facteurs (...)
- *Une telle mesure serait du sabotage de l'industrie de la pourvoirie et mettrait en péril nos entreprises touristiques.*