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# National Powerboat Certificate

## Direct Assessment Procedure

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**Location:** Cullaun Sailing Club

**Duration:** 3 hours approximately

**Cost:**

### Section 1: Preparation

Candidates should be able to identify the following:

- Appropriate personal clothing and safety equipment
- Weather forecast and it's effect on the area
- Time of HW + LW
- Safety equipment to be carried on board
- Appropriate engine pre-start checks

### Section 2: Afloat

Candidates should be able to carry out the following manoeuvres whilst at all times communicating effectively with the crew and maintaining a high level of awareness of the surrounding environment.

- At low speed follow a figure of 8 course ahead and astern
- At planing speed complete a series of S an U turns
- "Hold off" a fixed point for 30 seconds
- Turn the boat through 360° in a confined space
- Approach and secure to a mooring
- Approach and secure to a pontoon
- Set and recover an anchor
- Safely recover a man overboard

### Section 3: Background knowledge

Candidates will be expected to answer questions on the following topics covered on the National Powerboat Certificate syllabus. This will be carried out by means of aural interview during the assessment.

- IRPCS collision regulations
- Buoyage
- Engine and drive types
- Basic chart-work (Common symbols, Lat & Long, Distances)