



Application for Annual Party Boat Inspection – [See Fee Chart](#)

Review the Texas Party Boat Inspection Book (PWD 1208A) to ensure that your vessel can pass inspection on all categories. Submit the completed application and required fee to apply for an inspection. Once the application is processed, you will be provided with a receipt and a Texas Game Warden, or authorized inspector will contact you to schedule the vessel inspection and complete the Inspection Certificate.

What Boats Need This Inspection?

A party boat operated on the inland waters of Texas is subject to an annual safety inspection; requires the operator to be licensed and complete the required boat safety courses; imposes capacity limits on the number of passengers; and requires a minimum amount of liability insurance to be carried on the vessel.

A “party boat” is defined as a vessel operated by the owner or an employee of the owner, and rented or leased for a group recreational event for more than six passengers.

This does not apply to:

- (1) a boat that is less than 30 feet in length;
- (2) a sailboat; or
- (3) any vessel used for training or instructional purposes while it is not being used as a party boat.

The annual water safety inspection is not required for a vessel carrying passengers for hire that has a Certificate of Inspection (COI) issued by the US Coast Guard. The COI is required for those vessels that operate on navigable (federal) waters by definition. If a vessel has such a document (required annually by the USCG), then a State COI is not required.

A complete listing of categories and items to be inspected can be found in the Party Boat Inspection Book, form PWD 1208-A at “<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/forms/>.” You are strongly recommended to review these items prior to requesting and paying for an inspection.

To submit an application, please fill in the information below:

Owner or Company Name as listed on Vessel Title:		TX # (ex. TX-1234-AB)		Vessel Serial/Hull ID #	
Vessel Location Street Address (if applicable):					
Address			City		State Zip Code
Passenger Capacity:			Location Name (if applicable):		
Directions to Vessel Location (if applicable):					
Contact Name:				Contact Ph #: ()	

WARNING: Falsifying information on documents is a punishable offense – Texas Penal Code Chapter 37, Section 37.10. Any person who knowingly makes a false entry in, or false alteration of a governmental record is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable by confinement in jail for any term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000. I hereby certify that all statements in this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant Signature

Applicant Printed Name

Date