

270A.20 OPERATING VESSEL IN RECKLESS MANNER. MISDEMEANOR.

The defendant has been charged with [operating a [motorboat] [vessel]] [manipulating [water skis] [a surfboard] [similar device (*describe device*)]] in a [reckless] [negligent] manner.

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove three things beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, that the defendant was [operating a [motorboat] [vessel]] [manipulating [water skis] [a surfboard] [similar device (*describe device*)]] on the waters of this State.<sup>1</sup>

Second, that the defendant was acting in a [reckless] [negligent] manner.

And Third, that the defendant endangered the life, limb or property of any person.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant was [operating a [motorboat] [vessel]] [manipulating [water skis] [a surfboard] [similar device (*describe device*)]] on the waters of this State in a [reckless] [negligent] manner and that the defendant endangered the life, limb or property of any person, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt as to one or more of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

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1. See N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75A-2(6). "Waters of this State" means any waters within the territorial limits of this State, and the marginal sea adjacent to this State and the high seas when navigated as a part of a journey or ride to or from the shore of this State, but does not include private ponds as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113-129.

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