

RIDE THE DUCKS INTERNATIONAL
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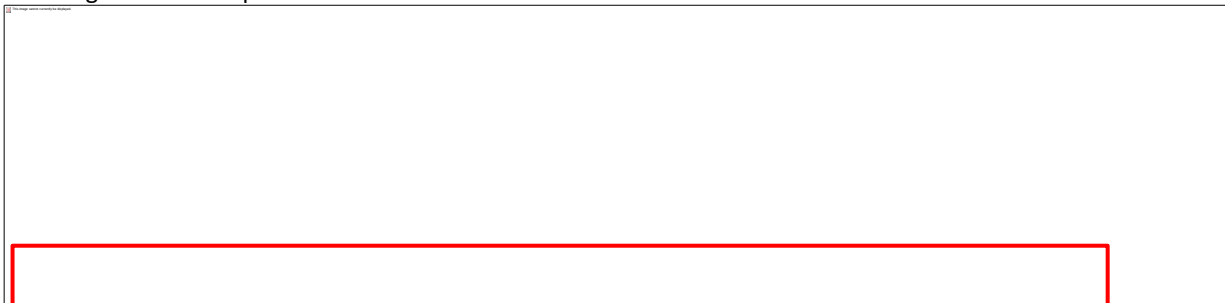
REASON FOR RELEASE: As guidance to ensure the “Stern Water Reference Markers” are installed at the correct height and as a training guide for Duck masters operational usage.

PURPOSE: The stern water markers are Visual Aid Devices for Duck masters to ensure the vessel is not operating outside of its onboard weight limit. The location of the markers are determined based on a full load condition. The bottom of the markers should be resting at the waterline if/when all seats are full and the assumed passenger weight is 185lbs. Operators are to enter the water, come to a static condition, then visually examine these markers to ensure the bottom of the markers are not submerged. Once underway it is expected the markers will submerge slightly do to propulsion push. Submerged markers in a static condition require the master to adjust for any list. When listing can not be adjusted, the Duck must exit the water and passenger weight removed.

INSTALLATIONS AND DIRECTIONS:

(A) Locate the Ducks COI & Stability letter. These can be found in the Ducks (Orange Box)

(B) COI: Under (Route Permitted and Conditions of Operations) You will find the rules regarding the stern water reference markers. Verbiage may vary, however the intent is the same: This vehicle/vessel is not to operate if the bottom of the markers are submerged. See example below:



(C) Stability letter: under Freeboard and Draft the stern water reference markers are to be installed in accordance with the measurements listed on the specific Ducks stability letter . NOT ALL DUCKS MEASURE THE SAME. This measurement is taken from the top of the coaming or bulwark down to the bottom of the stern water marker. See example below:

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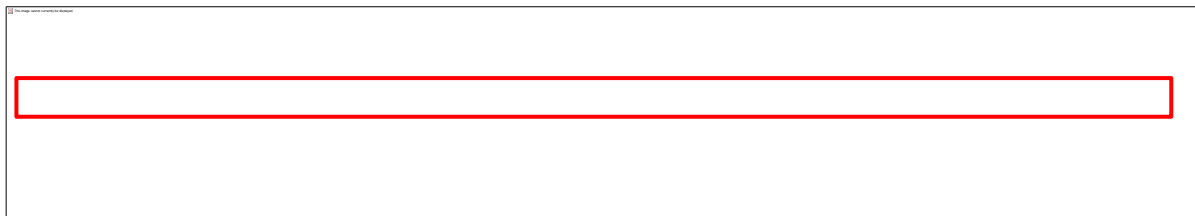
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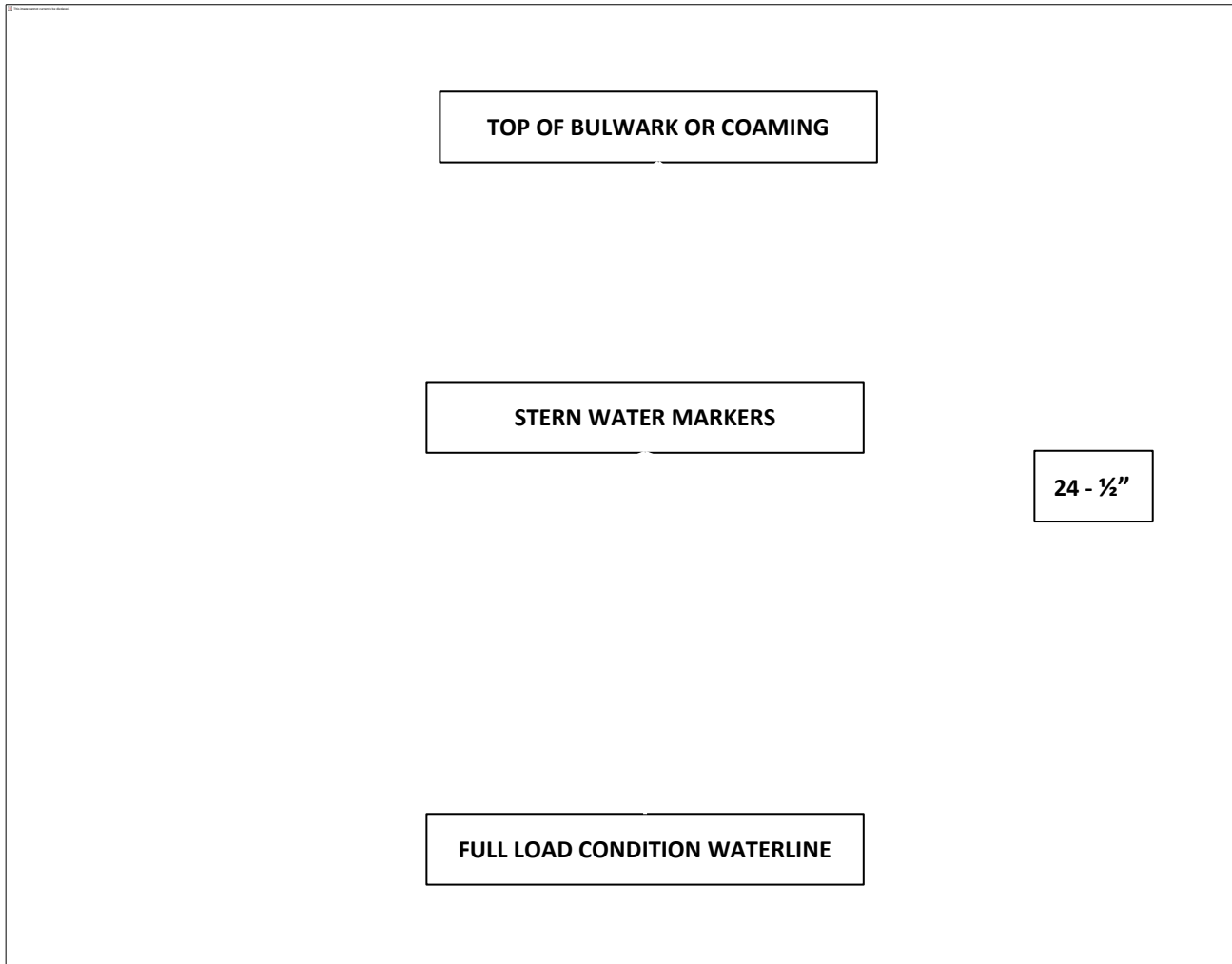
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