



This list shows required and optional safety equipment that should be on board. Because equipment requirements may vary depending on the size of the boat, you may need additional types, sizes, and quantities.

Checklist Item	Vessels Under 16 ft.	Vessels 16 ft. to < 26 ft.	Vessels 26 ft. to < 40 ft.	Vessels 40 ft. to < 65	Vessels 65 ft. and longer
Display of Registration Decals	✓ (A)	✓ (A)	✓ (A)	✓ (A)	✓ (A)
Registration Card on Board	✓ (A)	✓ (A)	✓ (A)	✓ (A)	✓ (A)
Display of Bow Numbers	✓ (B)	✓ (B)	✓ (B)	✓ (B)	✓ (B)
Fire Extinguisher	✓ (C)	✓ (C)	✓ (C) (D)	✓ (C) (E)	✓ (C) (F)
Spare Propulsion	✓	Yes for vessels under 21ft., recommended for others	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
Bailing Device	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (G)
Horn or Whistle	Strongly Recommended	✓	✓	✓ (H)	✓ (H)
One life jacket for each person on board	✓	✓	✓		
Type IV Throwable Flotation Device	Strongly Recommended	✓	✓	✓ (I)	✓ (I)
Navigation Lights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meets Noise/Muffler Requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ventilation System	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Approved Backfire Flame Arrestor	✓ (J)	✓ (J)	✓ (J)	✓ (J)	✓ (J)
Capacity Plate	✓ (K)	Yes for vessels under 21 ft., manufacturer's option for others (K)	Manufacturer's option	Manufacturer's option	Manufacturer's option
Hull Identification Number (HIN)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Liability Insurance	Yes for PWC & motorboats with 50 hp or greater engines	Yes for motorboats with 50 hp or greater engines	Yes for motorboats with 50 hp or greater engines	Yes for motorboats with 50 hp or greater engines	Yes for motorboats with 50 hp or greater engines

(A) Required for all registered vessels. Registration is required for all motorboats and sailboats.

(B) Required for all registered vessels except U.S.Coast Guard documented vessels.

(C) One B-I fire extinguisher for vessels <2017 or One 5-B:C fire extinguisher for vessels 2018<. Not required for vessels with outboard motors of open construction but recommended for all vessels.

(D) Vessels 26 ft. to <40 ft. must carry two B-I or one B-II fire extinguisher(s) for vessels <2017 or two 5-B:C fire extinguisher(s) and one fixed system in the engine compartment for vessels 2018<.

(E) Vessels 40 ft. to <65 ft. must carry three B-I or one B-I and one B-II fire extinguisher(s) or three 5-B:C fire extinguisher(s) and one fixed system in the engine compartment for vessels 2018<.

(F) Vessels 65 ft. and greater must carry a fixed system in the engine compartment and three B-II fire extinguisher(s) for vessels <2017 or three 5-B:C fire extinguishers and a fixed system in the engine compartment for 2018<.

(G) Vessels 65 ft. and greater must have a bilge pump for each below deck compartment.

(H) Vessels 40 ft. or greater must carry a bell in addition to a horn or whistle.

(I) Vessels 40 ft. or greater must carry two type IV throwable PFDs, one a minimum 18" ring buoy with a minimum of 30 ft. of line.

(J) Required for inboard gasoline engines equipped with a carburetor.

(K) Vessels exempt from this requirement include sailboats, canoes, kayaks, inflatable vessels, homemade motorboats, and vessels manufactured prior to 1973.