

Required Equipment Checklist According To Boat Size

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 of specific safety equipment. ✓ = Required

Checklist Item	Vessels Under 16 ft.	Vessels 16 ft. to > 26 ft.	Vessels 26 ft. to < 40 ft.	Vessels 40 ft. to < 66 ft.	Vessels 66 ft. and longer	My Vessel
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 < 21 ft. Recommended for others	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	
Bailing Device	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (G)	
Sound Producing Device	Strongly Recommended	✓	✓	✓ (H)	✓ (H)	
One Life Jacket Per-Person on Board	✓	✓	✓			
Type IV <u>Throwable</u> Floatation Device	Strongly Recommended	✓	✓	✓ (I)	✓ (I)	
Proper Navigation Lights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Meets Noise/Muffler Requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Adequate Ventilation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Approved Flame Arrestor	✓ (J)	✓ (J)	✓ (J)	✓ (J)	✓ (J)	
Capacity Plate Displayed	✓ (K)	Yes for vessels <21 ft. manufacture's option for others (K)	Manufacture's Option	Manufacture's Option	Manufacture'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 motorized and sailing vessels.

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

(C) Not required for outboard motorboats of open construction; however they are recommended for all motorboats.

(D) Vessels 26 ft. to < 40 ft. must carry two B-I or one B –II fire extinguisher(s).

(E) Vessels 40 ft. to 65 ft. must carry three B-I or one B –II fire extinguisher(s).

(F) Vessels 65 ft. and greater must carry one fixed system in engine compartment and three B0II fire extinguisher(s).

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

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

(I) Vessels 40 ft. and greater must carry two type IV PFDs, one being minimum 18" ring buoy with minimum 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, and vessels manufactured prior to 1979.