

Boating Safety Checklist

MUST HAVE ITEMS As Required By Regulation

Personal Flotation Devices (Life Jackets)

- Type I, II, III, or V (Wearable)
For each person on-board
- One Type IV (Throwable)
Not Required on Non-Powered boats under 16'

Fire Extinguishers

Choose One	Boat Length	Boats w/out Fixed System	- OR -	Boats w/ Fixed System
<input type="checkbox"/>	<26'	1 Size BI		Fixed System
<input type="checkbox"/>	26 - <40'	2 Size BI*		Fixed System + 1 Size BI
<input type="checkbox"/>	40 - 65'	3 Size BI*		Fixed System + 2 Size BI*

* One Size BI may be substituted for Two Size BI Extinguishers

Visual Distress Signals (VDS)

- Choose One
- Combination Day/Night VDS (Flares or Flare Gun)
- Daytime VDS (Flags, Smoke Signal)
AND
 Nighttime VDS (Automated SOS Light)

Sound Signals

- Horn or Whistle
- Bell (Not required for vessels under 12m)

Ventilation (Boats with Gasoline Systems)

- Natural Ventilation
- Powered Ventilation

Backfire Flame Control

- Backfire Flame Arrestor
(Gasoline Engines except outboards)

- The above represents minimum requirements on-board vessels.
- Other requirements may be necessary to comply with state laws.
- For Fire Extinguishers on Vessels over 65' refer to 33CFR 25.30-20 or ABYC A-4.



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Recommended Items

Items in Red May be Required in Some States

Boats on Inland Waters	<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> VHF Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Compass	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Anchor with Sufficient Line	<input type="checkbox"/> GPS/Chartplotter	<input type="checkbox"/> Charts	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Boating Safety Education/ Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Watersports Flag (Skier Down/Diver Down Flag)	<input type="checkbox"/> Float Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Depth Finder	
Boats on Nearshore Waters	<input type="checkbox"/> Bailing Device	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Food & Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Spare Tool Kit	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> EPIRB	<input type="checkbox"/> AIS	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Propulsion (Paddles, Oars)	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Raft	<input type="checkbox"/> Sea Drogue	
Boats on Offshore Waters	<input type="checkbox"/> Searchlight	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Knife	<input type="checkbox"/> Radar	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Radar Reflector	<input type="checkbox"/> List of CPR Instruction	<input type="checkbox"/> Shore Landing Craft (Tender)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Man-Overboard Recovery Gear	<input type="checkbox"/> Weather Information System	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio Direction Finder	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Range Communications Gear	<input type="checkbox"/> Heaving Line	<input type="checkbox"/> Strobe Light	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spare Keys	<input type="checkbox"/> Boat Hook/Pole	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Clothing	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Engine Oil	<input type="checkbox"/> Storm Sails	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine Hardware	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spare Propeller	<input type="checkbox"/> Masks & Fins (For Clearing Props)	<input type="checkbox"/> Handheld Lead-line	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Monoxide Detector	<input type="checkbox"/> Helmet	<input type="checkbox"/> Throw Bag	
	Miscellaneous Items	<input type="checkbox"/> River Waters	<input type="checkbox"/> Helmet	<input type="checkbox"/> Throw Bag

- This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list but rather a baseline of items to make your boating adventure safe and fun



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