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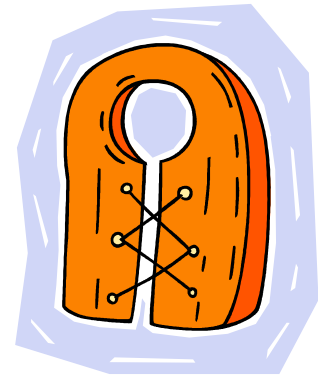
**SAFETY GRAM**

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**BOATING SAFETY**

**Boating Safety Tips**

- Be weather wise.
- Bring extra gear you may need.
- Tell someone where you're going, who is with you, and how long you'll be away.
- Ventilate after fueling.
- Stay dry and warm.
- Anchor from bow, not stern
- Take a safe boating course.
- Always carry distress signals on board your boat.



**BOAT SAFETY CHECK LIST**

**PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD'S)**

- PFD's must be readily accessible, correct size, & one per person.
- Children under the age of 6 must wear a Type I or Type II while on the open deck of a vessel.
- Vessels 16' or longer in length must have a Type IV throwable PFD in addition to jacket type PFD's on board.



**VENTILATION**

- Check for fuel smells.
- Check for bilge for gas or oil. Correct all flammable liquid problems before starting your engine or operating electrical devices.
- Run your ventilation blower before initially starting the engine.
- Before fueling, close all compartments. After fueling is completed, open all compartments to ventilate and run the blower for at least 4 minutes to purge all trapped fumes.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. Required when carrying flammable liquids or fuel on board.**

- Must be fully charged. Check the gauge or use of small test button to check the pressure.
- Must be U.S. Coast Guard approved for marine use.
- Vessels less than 26 feet, one size 1 extinguisher is required.



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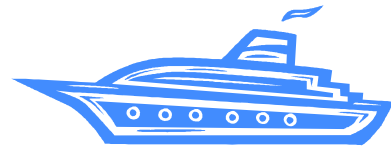
- Vessels 26 feet & less than 40 feet, two size 1 extinguishers, or one size 2 extinguishers are required.
- Vessels 40 feet to less than 65 feet, three size 1 extinguishers, or one size 1 and one size 2 extinguisher are required.

**SOUND PRODUCING DEVICE**

- Horn or portable device, e.g. whistle or air horn capable of producing a 4 second blast that can be heard for at least 1/2 mile.

**LIGHTS. Required between the hours of sunset & sunrise.**

- Red and green navigation lights.
- White stern and/or anchor light.



**VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS. Required on Federal waters.**

- Accessible flares and day signals stored in a dry location.

**FUEL AND OIL.**

- Be sure to have enough fuel to provide a reasonable margin for safe return.
- Check the oil to make sure it is at the proper level.

**TRAILERS.**

- Safety chains must be used when towing.
- Trailer must be equipped with working brake lights and tail lights.
- Make sure tires are in good condition with proper pressure.
- Maintain wheel bearings.
- Ensure that trailer hitch size matches the towing ball size.



**SAFETY CONCERNS, TOOLS AND SPARE EQUIPMENT.**

- Consider carrying "tools" you may need such as a cell phone.
- Spare light bulbs, spare keys, flashlights, etc.
- Anchor & line.
- Dock lines.
- Boat fenders / bumpers.
- First-Aid kit.

**WEATHER AND WATER CONDITIONS**

- Check the weather forecast and file a float plan with a friend.



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