

VESSEL MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

SAIL AND POWER BOATS (NON-COMMERCIAL REQUIREMENTS) ^[1]	VESSEL LENGTH			
	≤ 6 m (≤ 19'8")	6 m to 9 m (19'8" - 29'6")	9 m to 12 m (29'6" - 39'4")	12 m to 24 m (39'4" - 78'9")
PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT				
Canadian-Approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) OR Lifejacket For Each Person On Board.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reboarding Device If The Freeboard Distance Exceeds 0.5 M	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buoyant Heaving Line At Least 15 M (49'3") Long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifebuoy Attached To A Buoyant Line Of At Least 15 M (49'3") *Or Lifebuoy Equipped With A Self-Igniting Light	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> *
DISTRESS EQUIPMENT				
Watertight Flashlight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flares - Canadian-Approved Type A, B, C Or D	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 ≤ 6 Type D	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 ≤ 6 Type D
VESSEL SAFETY EQUIPMENT				
Manual Propelling Device OR Anchor w/ Min. Rope/Chain/Cable Length	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 m	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 m	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 m	<input type="checkbox"/> 50 m
Manual OR Powered Bilge Pump *Bailer Allowed as Substitute.	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Power req.
NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT				
Sound-Signaling Device Audible Range of .5 nm (1 nm if >20m) & Capable of Prolonged Blast of 4 to 6 seconds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Navigation Lights If Operated After Sunset, Before Sunrise, Or In Periods Of Restricted Visibility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Magnetic Compass *Not For Boats ≤ 8 M (26'3") & Always Within Sight Of Navigation Marks	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Radar Reflector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT				
Fire Extinguisher - If Equipped With A Motor * If Craft Has Inboard Engine, Fixed Fuel Tank (Any Size), Or Fuel-Burning Appliance	<input type="checkbox"/> * Class 5BC	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 5BC	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 10BC	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 10BC
Additional Extinguisher If Craft Is Equipped With Fuel-Burning Cooking, Heating, Or Refrigerating Appliance	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 5BC	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 5BC	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 10BC	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 10BC at each access
Additional Extinguisher At The Entrance To The Machinery Space	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 10BC	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 10BC
Additional Extinguisher At The Entrance To Each Accommodation Space	N/A	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 10BC
Fire Axe	N/A	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Fire Bucket At Least 10 L Each	N/A	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
All safety equipment must be in good working order, easily accessible, & maintained according to manufacturer's instruction. PFDs must be Canadian-approved, appropriate size for each person, & properly worn in small vessels or readily accessible in larger ones. Navigation lights required if operating between sunset & sunrise, & in periods of restricted visibility (i.e. rain, fog, snow, or smoke). Add'l equipment may be required based on specific waterways, local regulations, duration of journey, weather conditions.				
1. Transport Canada. (2019). Safe Boating Guide – Safety Tips and Requirements for Pleasure Craft. https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/2024-03/tp_511e.pdf				