

Required safety equipment checklists

Required safety equipment	Protected Waters	Semi-protected Waters	Unprotected Waters
Vessels less than 8 metres long			
 Approved lifejacket per person ^	✓	✓ Level 100 or above	✓ Level 100 or above
 Bucket with line attached or bilge pump(s)	✓	✓	✓
 Fire bucket	✓	✓	✓
 One approved fire extinguisher (if engine fitted or cooking facilities on board)	✓	✓	✓
 Anchor and cable	✓	✓	✓
 Waterproof and buoyant torch	✓ if operating at night	✓	✓
 Approved compass fitted to the vessel			✓
 Four litres fresh water			✓
 Two approved flares and smoke signals		✓	✓
 Marine radio			✓
 Paddles/oars (if your vessel is under six metres)	✓	✓ *	✓ *
Vessels 8 metres long and over			
 Approved lifejacket per person ^	✓	✓ Level 100 or above	✓ Level 100 or above
 Bucket with line attached and bilge pump(s)	✓	✓ two bailers	✓ two bailers
 Fire bucket <	✓	✓	✓
 Two approved fire extinguishers (if engine fitted or cooking facilities on board)	✓	✓	✓
 Anchor and cable	✓	✓ two #	✓ two
 Waterproof and buoyant torch	✓ if operating at night	✓	✓
 Approved compass fitted to the vessel			✓
 Four litres fresh water			✓
 Two approved flares and smoke signals		✓	✓
 Marine radio			✓
 Lifebuoy with line	✓	✓	✓
Additional equipment for all vessels regardless of length in prescribed unprotected waters i.e.:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more than three nautical miles from shore, except in inland waters, in Lakes Alexandrina and Albert; or • more than five nautical miles from shore in Gulf of St Vincent or Spencer Gulf 			
 EPIRB (Radio Distress Beacon)			✓
 V sheet			✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more than ten nautical miles from shore. 			
 Two approved rocket parachute flares			✓
 Chart of the area of water			✓
If your vessel is over 15 metres in length you are required to carry an extra lifebuoy with line and a life raft.			

* or another type of propulsion # If vessel is under 12 metres, second anchor can be carried as a spare

^ specific legislation applies to wearing of lifejackets – see table under When to wear a lifejacket Chapter 3 Safety on the Water
 < If you have a bucket with a line attached on board you do not require an additional fire bucket. The bucket with a line attached serves the same purpose as a fire bucket.