

Boating Equipment Checklist

All recreational boats are required to have size-specific safety equipment on board. Required equipment may include: life jackets, fire extinguisher, visual distress signal, sound-producing device, backfire flame control and navigation lights.

These *checklists outline U.S. Coast Guard minimum requirements and other recommended equipment for recreational boats. For more information, please check with local Marine Law Enforcement Authorities. Boaters should also schedule a [vessel safety check](#).

- [Paddlecraft](#) (less than 16 feet)
- [Small powerboats](#) (less than 16 feet)
- [Powerboats](#) (less than 26 feet)
- [Powerboats](#) (26 to less than 40 feet)

For recreational boats greater than 40 feet, please review the [U.S. Coast Guard: A Boater's Guide to the Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats](#).

More Information

[American Canoe Association Paddle Ready App](#)

[U.S. Coast Guard Division of Boating Safety](#)

[U.S. Coast Guard Mobile App](#)

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