

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Know your vessel. Before departure, always be sure your vessel is in good working condition and properly equipped for emergencies. Avoid inconvenience and potential danger by taking a few minutes to check the following:

Minimum Federal Required Equipment	Yes	No
State Registration Documentation		
State Numbering Displayed		
Certificate of Documentation		
Lifejackets (PFDs) - one for each person		
Throwable PFD		
Visual Distress Signals		
Fire Extinguishers (fully charged)		
Proper Ventilation		
Backfire Flame Arrestor		
Sound Producing Device(s)		
Navigation lights		
Oil Pollution Placard		
Garbage Placard		
Marine Sanitation Device		
Navigation Rules		
Any Additional State Requirements		

Besides meeting the federal requirements, prudent boaters carry additional safety equipment. The following additional items are suggested depending on the size, location and use of your boat:

Recommended Equipment	Yes	No	N/A
VHF Marine Radio			
Anchor and Tackle			
Chart(s) of Area & Navigation Tools			
Magnetic Compass			
Fenders and Boat Hook			
Mooring Lines and Heaving Line			
Manual Bilge Pump or Bailing Device			
Tool Kit			
Spare Parts (fuses, spark plugs, belts, etc.)			
Spare Battery (fully charged)			
Spare Propeller			
Extra Fuel & Oil			
Alternate Propulsion (paddles/oar)			
Flashlight & Batteries			
Search Light			
First Aid Kit			