

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)

To be completed by a U.S. Coast Guard approved Vessel Examiner.

See the back of this form for a brief explanation of required items.

A general recommendations database is also available.

Owner/Operator has attended a CGAIX USPS State or IVSC Decal: awarded not awarded

Boating Safety Class: Yes No Number: _____

Decal replaced: Last Year Outdated First time Date of VSC: _____

Owner/Operator Name: _____
 Registration or Documentation Number: _____

VESSEL INFORMATION:

Location of VSC - County: _____ State: _____ HIN: _____

Powered by: Gas Diesel Sail Other PWC Yacht Cabin Other

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Item	Yes	No	N/A
1. Operator at Helm				1. Marine Radio			
2. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)				2. Vessel Safety Council (VSC) Decal			
3. Fire Extinguishers				3. Vessel Documentation			
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11. MARPOL Trash Placard				11. MARPOL Trash Placard			
12. Marine Sanitation Device				12. Marine Sanitation Device			
13. State and/or Local Requirements				13. State and/or Local Requirements			
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most be plain, vertical, block style, not less than 1/2 inch high and of a color contrasting with the background. A space or hyphen must separate numbers must be permanently marked on a visible part of the interior or exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches in height.

is required for the boat person on the boat. Children under 16 must wear fitted PFDs designed for children. Wearable PFDs shall be "readily accessible" in unpowered electric propulsion. For Personal Watercraft (PWC), the PFD must be worn. An impact rating is recommended, but not required.

1. VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS. a. Day and night, a combination of the Coast Guard also are required to carry a minimum of 1) three day and three night pyrotechnic devices, 2) one (SOS light) or 3) a combination of 1) and 2). Recreational boats less than 16 feet on coastal waters of the United States need only carry night distress signals when operating from sunset to sunrise.

It is recommended, but not required, that boats operating in inland waters should have some means of making a sound day and night distress signal. The number and type of signals is not defined by regulations and is not shown on the capacity plate.

if one of the following conditions exists: 1) Inboard engine(s); 2) Flammable bottom hulls not completely sealed or not completely filled with flotation materials; 3) Closed living spaces; 4) Closed storage compartments that contain flammable materials or 5) Flammable interior materials. Recreational boats less than 26 feet, and propelled by outboard motors are NOT required to have fire extinguishers unless one or more of the conditions (2-5) listed above applies. NOTE: Fire extinguishers must be readily accessible and verified as serviceable.

Navigation Rules and for distress signaling purposes all boats must carry a soundable for 1/2 mile. Boats larger than 39.4 ft. are also required to have a bell

visibility. Boats 16 feet or more in length must have properly installed, working

10. POLLUTION PLACARD: Boats 26 feet and over with a

11. MARINE TRASH DISPOSAL PLACARD: Boats 26 feet and over

trash disposal plan available onboard

12. MARINE SANITATION DEVICE: Any installed toilet must be capable of being sealed.

13. NAVIGATION RULES: Boats 39.4 feet and over must have on board a current copy of the Navigation Rules.

14. STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS:

15. OVERALL BOAT CONDITION: The vessel must be in good overall condition. Vessel includes, but not limited to:

a. DECK: Deck must be free of hazards and clean. The boat must be

shown on the capacity plate.

b. Electrical and Fuel Systems: The electrical system must be

tion, properly installed and with no exposed areas or deteriorated insulation. If installed, self-circling or kill switch mechanism must be in proper working order. All BWCs require an operating self-circling or kill switch mechanism.

Fuel Systems: Portable fuel tanks (maximum 7 gallon capacity) be leak

Table with 2 columns: Minimum number of extinguishers required, Maximum number of extinguishers required