

US COAST GUARD EQUIPMENT LIST

For all Boats

- **Certificate of Number (State Registration)** – All undocumented vessels equipped with propulsion machinery must be State registered. Certificate of Number must be on board when vessel is in use.
- **State Numbering**
 - (a) Plain block letters/numbers not less than 3 inches in height must be affixed to each side of the forward half of the vessel (contrasting color to boat exterior)
 - (b) State validation sticker must be affixed within 6 inches of the registration number
- **Certificate of Documentation – Applies to “documented” vessels**
 - (a) Original and current certificate must be on board
 - (b) Vessel name/hailing port marked on exterior part of hull – letters not less than 4 inches in height.
 - (c) Official Number permanently affixed on interior structure – numbers not less than 3 inches in height
- **USCG-approved PFD**
 - (a) One Type I, II, III or V for each crew
 - (b) Plus...one Type IV
- **Visual Distress Signals**
 - (a) One electric distress light or three combination (day/night) red flares
 - (b) One orange distress flag and one electric distress or three hand-held or floating orange smoke signals and one electric distress light or three combination (day night) red flares: hand-held, meteor, or parachute type
- **Fire Extinguisher(s)**
 - LOA<40 feet
 - (a) One B-1 when enclosed compartment
 - (b) One B-II or Two B-1
 - LOA>40 feet
 - (a) One B-II and One B-I or Three B-1
- **Ventilation**
 - (a) All vessels built after 25 April 1940 that use gasoline as their fuel with enclosed engine and/or fuel tank compartments must have natural ventilation (at least two ducts fitted with cowls)
 - (b) In addition, a vessel built after 31 July 1980 must have a rated power exhaust blower
- **Sound Producing Device(s)**
 - (a) A vessel up to 39.4 feet must, at a minimum, have some means of making an efficient sound signal – (i.e. hand-held air horn, athletic whistle – Human voice/sound not acceptable)
 - (b) A vessel 39.4 feet or greater must have a sound signal appliance capable of producing an efficient sound signal, audible to ½ mile with a 4-6 seconds duration. In addition, must carry on board a bell with a clapper (bell size not less than 7.9 inches based on the diameter of the mouth)
- **Backfire Flame Arrestor** – Required on all gasoline engines installed after 25 April 1940, except outboard motors
- **Navigation Lights** – Required to be displayed from sunset to sunrise and in or near areas of reduced visibility.
- **Oil Pollution Placard** – must be at least 5” x 8”, made of durable material
- **Garbage Placard** – must be at least 4” x 9”, made of durable material. Must be displayed in a conspicuous place notifying all on board the discharge restrictions
- **Marine Sanitation Device** – if installed toilet: Vessel must have an operable MSD Type II or III
- **Navigation Rules** – the operator of a vessel 39.4 feet or greater must have on board a copy of these rules