



Vessel Safety Check Benefits

The purpose of the Vessel Safety Check program is two-fold: to ensure your craft is safe from bow to stern, and to add to your enjoyment of boating.

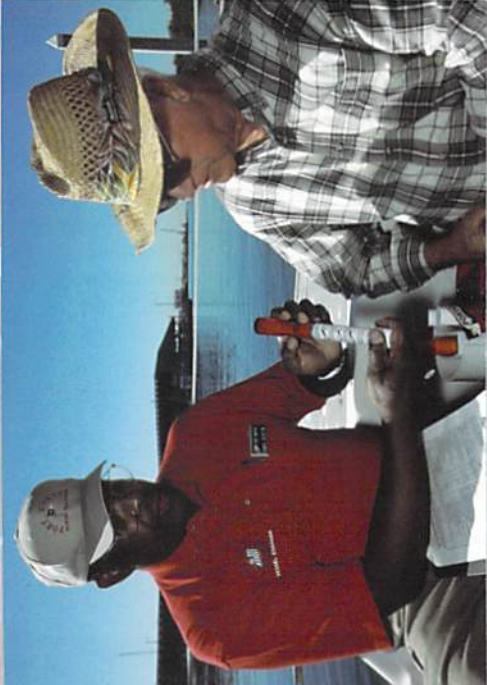
A Vessel Safety Check may help:

-  Prevent citations by ensuring your vessel meets federal, state, and local safety equipment requirements;
-  Identify possible equipment defects and costly breakdowns;
-  Increase safe boating practices to help you avoid accidents and injuries;
-  Provide a better understanding and use and care of your marine safety equipment.

Get started! Find a Vessel Examiner near you...



Contact:



VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

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SAVE LIVES!**

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What is a Vessel Safety Check?

A Vessel Safety Check ensures the vessel and its equipment comply with federal, state, and local safety requirements.

Some of the inspected items include:

- Fire extinguishers
- Backfire flame control
- Sound producing devices
- Visual distress signals
- Lifejackets
- Registration/documentation
- State and local requirements
- Navigation lights
- Proper display of numbers
- Ventilation
- Overall vessel condition

Boating Safety Education

During the Vessel Safety Check, the vessel examiner discusses the purpose of the marine safety equipment and how it applies to federal, state, and local regulations.

The examiner also reviews local boating conditions, answers any boating related safety questions, and encourages additional boater education.

Educational topics include:

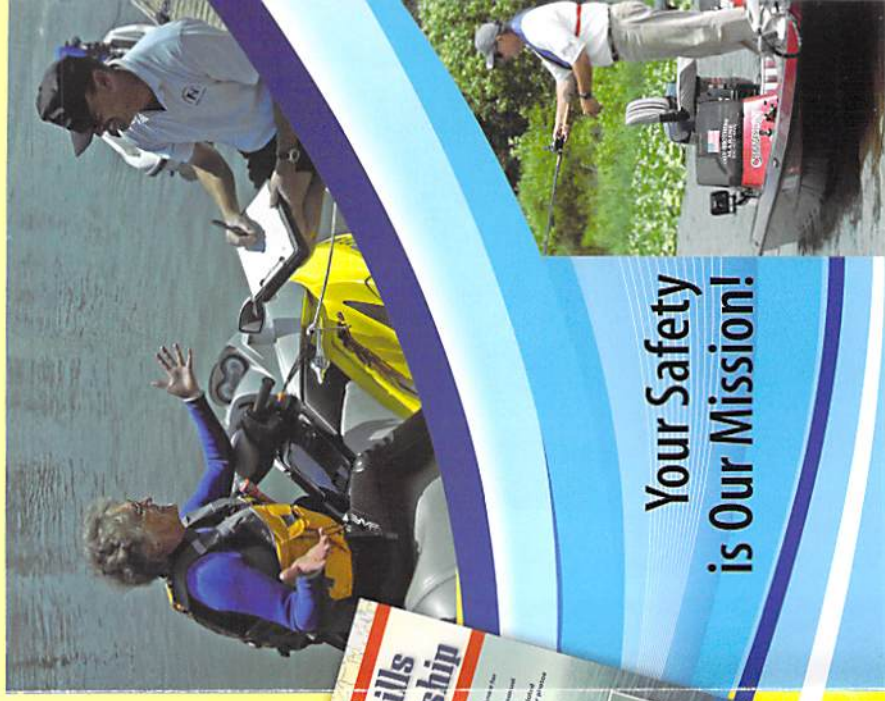
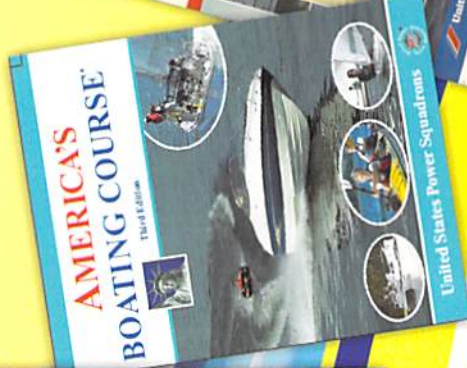
- Accident reporting
- Charts and aids
- Survival tips
- Fueling/fuel management
- Float plan
- Weather and water conditions
- Safe boating classes

What Does It Cost?

Absolutely nothing. The Vessel Safety Check is a free service provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Power Squadrons, and many state boating safety agencies.

How Do I Schedule a Vessel Safety Check for My Boat?

Use the contact information included on the reverse of this brochure, or visit www.SafetySeal.net to schedule a VSC with your local Vessel Examiner.



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Boating Safety Checklist

Recommended Items

Items in Red May be Required in Some States

Boats on Nearshore Waters

Boats on Inland Waters

- First Aid Kit
- Anchor with Sufficient Line
- Boating Safety Education/
Certificate
- Watersports Flag
(Skier Down/Diver Down Flag)
- Bailing Device
- Sun Protection
- Alternate Propulsion (Paddles, Oars)
- VHF Radio
- GPS/Chartplotter
- Float Plan
- Extra Food & Water
- Spare Tool Kit
- Compass
- Charts
- Depth Finder

Boats on Offshore Waters

- EPIRB
- Life Raft
- Searchlight
- Radar Reflector
- List of CPR Instruction
- Shore Landing Craft (Tender)
- Man-Overboard Recovery Gear
- Weather Information System
- Radio Direction Finder
- Long Range Communications Gear
- AIS
- Sea Drogue
- Safety Knife
- Radar

Miscellaneous Items

- Heaving Line
- Spare Keys
- Extra Engine Oil
- Storm Sails
- Spare Propeller
- Masks & Fins (For Clearing Props)
- Handheld Lead-line
- Carbon Monoxide Detector
- Strobe Light
- Boat Hook/Pole
- Extra Clothing
- Marine Hardware

River Waters Helmet Throw Bag

- This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list but rather a baseline of items to make your boating adventure safe and fun



Boating Safety Checklist

MUST HAVE ITEMS As Required By Regulation

Personal Flotation Devices (Life Jackets)

- Type I, II, III, or V (Wearable)
For each person on-board
- One Type IV (Throwable)
Not Required on Non-Powered boats under 16'

Fire Extinguishers

Choose One	Boat Length	Boats w/out Fixed System	Boats w/ Fixed System
<input type="checkbox"/>	<26'	1 Size BI - OR -	Fixed System
<input type="checkbox"/>	26 - <40'	2 Size BI* - OR -	Fixed System + 1 Size BI
<input type="checkbox"/>	40 - 65'	3 Size BI* - OR -	Fixed System + 2 Size BI*

* One Size BII may be substituted for Two Size BI Extinguishers

Visual Distress Signals (VDS)

- Choose One
- Combination Day/Night VDS (Flares or Flare Gun)
 - Daytime VDS (Flags, Smoke Signal)
AND
Nighttime VDS (Automated SOS Light)

Sound Signals

- Horn or Whistle
- Bell (Not required for vessels under 12m)

Ventilation (Boats with Gasoline Systems)

- Natural Ventilation
- Powered Ventilation

Backfire Flame Control

- Backfire Flame Arrestor
(Gasoline Engines except outboards)

- The above represents minimum USCG Safety Requirements on-board vessels.
- Other requirements may be necessary to comply with state laws.
- For Fire Extinguishers on Vessels over 65' refer to 33CFR 25.30-20 or ABYC A-4.