

Keep an inventory of the safety gear aboard with the date each item expires, so the out-of-date ones are found at the dock rather than at sea.

An inventory and expiry record for the safety gear on a boat — lifejackets, flares, extinguishers, pumps, radio and beacons — so you find out what is out of date at the dock, not at sea.

What you must carry, how it has to be serviced, and how out-of-date pyrotechnics may be disposed of are set by the country you are in, the water you use and the size and type of your boat, and they change. This is not a carriage list: it is a place to write down what you actually carry and when each item runs out. Check the requirements that apply to you before you go.

Vessel	Type & length	Where used
Checked by	Date of check	Next check due

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FLARES AND SIGNALS

Type	Quantity	Expiry	Stowed where	Replaced	Disposal arranged

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND BLANKETS

No.	Type	Location	Made	Serviced	Replace by	OK

EVERYTHING ELSE ABOARD tick, and write the date on anything that expires

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| ☐ Bilge pump — electric, run and seen to move water | ☐ Lifebuoy, danbuoy and throw line |
| ☐ Bilge pump — manual, and its handle where you can reach it | ☐ First aid kit — contents checked, not just the box |
| ☐ Float switch tested by lifting it, not by the panel switch | ☐ Engine kill cord and a spare |
| ☐ VHF radio tested, and DSC registration current | ☐ Torch, spare batteries and a waterproof light |
| ☐ EPIRB or PLB — registration and battery date | ☐ Anchor, chain and warp, ready to run |
| ☐ Liferaft service date, and its painter made fast | ☐ Navigation lights and a radar reflector |