

Boat Safety Equipment Check

Keep an inventory of the safety gear aboard with the date each item expires, so the out-of-date ones are found at the dock rather than at sea.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for the safety gear on a boat — lifejackets, flares, extinguishers, pumps, radio and beacons — so you find out what is out of date at the dock, not at sea.

CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS DIFFER BY COUNTRY AND BY WATER

What you must carry, how it has to be serviced, and how out-of-date pyrotechnics may be disposed of are set by the country you are in, the water you use and the size and type of your boat, and they change.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

LIFEJACKETS AND BUOYANCY AIDS

No.	Type & size	For whom	Bought	Serviced	Next due	Cylinder	OK
	lifejacket or buoyancy aid					cartridge date	

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

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