

# Boat Safety Checklist

Keep this page with your boat, ready for inspection. By using this checklist, or one fine-tuned by yourself, you'll be sure that everything is on board and in good working order. Your passengers will appreciate knowing you're concerned about boating safety.

- Float plan--let a friend or relative know when you're leaving, where you're going, when you expect to return, what to do if you don't, and a description of your boat
- Registration certificate or documentation
- Personal Flotation Devices (wearable and throw able)--USCG approved, good condition, readily accessible, assigned and fitted
- Fire Extinguishers--right number, size, and class for boat; charged, not corroded, nozzle clear, bracketed, readily accessible
- Visual Distress Signals--current dates on flares, proper number, batteries good if lights or EPIRB
- Anchors and Line--adequate anchor for bottom, adequate line for water depth
- Bilge device --bilge pump operable, alternative bailing device available
- Watch or clock--operable
- Bright flashlight or searchlight
- Navigation lights --tested and operable, spare bulbs
- Batteries--fully charged, encased in plastic boxes or terminals covered, securely fastened down
- Sound-producing device--horn, whistle appropriate for boat
- Alternate propulsion--paddle or oar
- First Aid Kit
- Tools, spare outboard prop and lock nut
- Compass
- Sunscreen
- Weather Radio