

NAUTICAL INFRACTIONS

CARELESS DRIVING

Small Vessel Regulations (watercraft)

It is forbidden to operate a vessel carelessly, without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for others.

The following are examples of reckless behavior (without excluding other behaviors):

- Operating a watercraft at high speed or in circular or intersecting maneuvers for long periods and in the same place.
- Riding on the waves or in the wake of another boat, at too short a distance from it, or in such a way that one's own boat reaches a high engine speed, thus producing unusual or excessive noise.
- Weaving in and out of other boats at high speed.
- Swerving at the very last moment to avoid a collision.
- Driving a boat at a higher speed than necessary to maintain sufficient headway to steer close to swimmers or non-motorized vessels.



UNSAFE USAGE

Vessel Use Restriction Regulations

Any person using a vessel must do so in a safe manner and take into account circumstances that could present a danger to the vessel or other vessels; avoid compromising the safety of persons participating in activities on the water.

To ensure the safety of persons during a sporting, recreational or public activity or event for which a permit has been issued, any person using a vessel must do so in such a way as not to interfere with the activity or event.

Enforcement officers may prohibit the movement of any watercraft to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. For example, when flooding or extreme natural conditions pose a risk to boats or people, enforcement officers can restrict access to an area. This change replaces the broad discretionary power available to enforcement officers under the Boating Restriction Regulations with a structured mechanism under which the authority of enforcement officers is now restricted to ensuring compliance.



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NAUTICAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

HUMAN-POWERED CRAFT

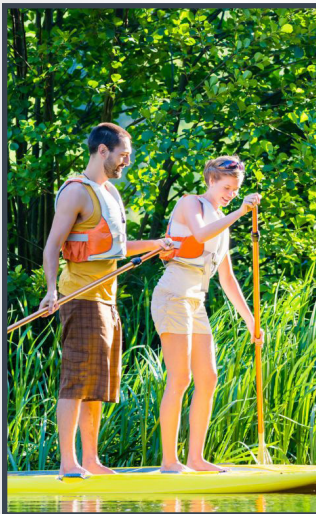
Example: Paddleboard, closed and open kayak, pedal boat.

Required safety equipment WITH approved flotation device

- Approved flotation device
- Audible signalling device (e.g. whistle)

Safety equipment required WITHOUT wearing an approved flotation device

- Approved flotation device in watercraft
- Floating heaving line at least 15m long
- Re-boarding device, if freeboard greater than 0.5m
- Manual bailer or bilge pump
- Waterproof flashlight (if boat is +6m)
- Sound signalling device (e.g. whistle)
- Navigation light if used before sunrise or after sunset



MOTOR-POWERED BOATS

Personal watercraft ('16 years old and over to drive)

Required safety equipment WITH approved flotation device

- Approved flotation device
- Audible signaling device (e.g. whistle)
- Waterproof flashlight
- Competency card

Safety equipment required WITHOUT wearing an approved flotation device

- Approved flotation device in boat
- Floating heaving line at least 15m long
- Re-boarding device, if freeboard greater than 0.5m
- Manual bailer or bilge pump
- Waterproof flashlight
- Sound signaling device (e.g. whistle)
- Navigation light if used before sunrise or after sunset
- 5BC fire extinguisher
- Manual propulsion device or 15m cable anchor



MOTORBOATS 0 TO 6 METRES

Required safety equipment

- Approved flotation device
- Floating heaving line at least 15m long
- Re-boarding device, if freeboard greater than 0.5m
- Manual bailer or bilge pump
- Waterproof flashlight
- Sound signaling device
- Navigation light if used before sunrise or after sunset
- Manual propulsion device or 15m cable anchor
- Competency card

If with internal motor and fixed tank

- 5BC fire extinguisher (2 extinguishers if cooking or heating appliance)
- Flame protection device
- Engine compartment ventilation
- Noise reduction mechanism



MOTORBOATS 6 TO 9 METRES

Required safety equipment

- Approved flotation device
- Floating heaving line at least 15m long
- Re-boarding device, if freeboard greater than 0.5m
- Manual bailer or bilge pump
- Waterproof flashlight
- Sound signaling device
- Navigation light if used before sunrise or after sunset
- Manual propulsion device or 15m cable anchor
- Competency card

If with inboard engine and fixed fuel tank

- 5BC fire extinguisher (2 extinguishers if cooking or heating appliance)
- Flame protection device
- Engine compartment ventilation
- Noise reduction mechanism

