



REQUIRED USCG SAFETY GEAR LIST

REQUIRED BY USCG	
ALL BOATS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 life jackets - PFD Type I, II, III, V - <i>USCG approved (1 per person)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 visual distress signals for day + night time - <i>flares / LED distress light / orange smoke / orange</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 bell, horn, or whistle
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 backfire flame arrestor
BOATS UNDER 16' (6M)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 class B-I fire extinguisher - <i>not required with outboard/no engine - no permanent fuel tank - fixed system</i>
ALL BOATS OVER 26' (8 M)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 PFD Type IV
ALL BOATS OVER 26' (8 M)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 bell
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 whistle or horn
BOATS 26'-40' (8-12 METERS)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 class B-II fire extinguisher
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 whistle or horn
BOATS 40'-65' (12-20 METERS)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 class B-II fire extinguisher + 1 class B-I fire extinguisher - <i>or:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 class B-I fire extinguishers
BOATS 65'-165' (20-50 METERS)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	UNDER 50 GROSS TONS: 1 class B-II fire extinguisher <i>or:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	50 - 100 GROSS TONS: 2 class B-II fire extinguishers
RECOMMENDED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Waterproof first aid kit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trauma kit - when more than 20 min away from help
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spare clothes in waterproof bag
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oar / paddle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tool kit for minor maintenance jobs

<input type="checkbox"/>	Compass
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bilge pump / bailer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boat hook
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spare parts (plugs, fuses, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Depth sounder
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heaving line 50'-70'
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working anchor

COASTAL / OFFSHORE WATERS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifesling
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety harness (1 per crew)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Life raft
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency communications
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 additional fire extinguisher per cabin
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 extra fuel tank
<input type="checkbox"/>	VHF radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Satellite phone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Backup handheld GPS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radar enhancers
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 storm anchors

To find up to date links to all of these products and a more detailed explanation of each item, please visit the original article at <https://improvesailing.com/resources/safety-gear-list>.