

### What Does a Vessel Safety Check Cover?

Vessel Safety Checks are customized for various size powerboats, personal watercraft (PWCs), sailboats, and even kayaks, canoes, or rowboats. Use this “quick list” to see if you are ready for your free VSC. This list includes items that are required, along with recommended and discussion items. This list is available as a printer-friendly pdf checklist. You must have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer to read PDF files. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, [click here](#) to download and install it free.

| Vessel Safety Checklist                 |  |
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| Display of numbers*                     | Marine VHF radio                               |
| Registration / documentation*           | Dewatering device & backup                     |
| Life jackets (PFDs)*                    | Mounting of fire extinguishers                 |
| Visual distress signals (VDS)*          | Anchor & line for area                         |
| Fire extinguishers*                     | First Aid and PIW kits                         |
| Ventilation*                            | Inland visual distress signals                 |
| Backfire flame control*                 | Capacity certificate of compliance             |
| Sound-producing devices*                | Owner responsibility for accident reporting    |
| Navigation lights*                      | Offshore operations                            |
| Pollution placard*                      | Nautical charts and navigation aids            |
| MARPOL garbage placard*                 | Survival and first aid tips                    |
| Marine sanitation devices*              | Fueling and fuel management                    |
| Presence of Navigation Rules*           | Float plan filing and weather & sea conditions |
| Unique state and/or local requirements* | Insurance considerations                       |
| Overall vessel condition*               | Boating checklist                              |
| Deck free of hazards and clean bilge*   | Safe boating classes                           |
| Safe electrical and fuel systems*       |  |
| Safe galley and heating systems*        |  |