INTERAGENCY SAFETY & SECURITY TASK FORCE



USCG & GPD Vessel Safety Requirements for Seafaring & Navigation Events

Traditional Seafaring Vessels	All Other Vessels
If operating in Guam's territorial seas	If operating in Guam's territorial seas
and your vessel is	and your vessel is
Less than 16 feet / 4.9 meters:	Less than 16 feet / 4.9 meters:
Less than 16 feet / 4.9 meters: ☐ One approved Type I, II, III or V (must be worn) PFD for each person on board or being towed on water skis, tubes, etc. ☐ Every vessel less than 65.6 ft. (20 meters) in length must carry an efficient sound producing device. ☐ Required to carry approved visual distress signals for night-time use.	Less than 16 feet / 4.9 meters: ☐ One approved Type I, II, III or V (must be worn) PFD for each person on board or being towed on water skis, tubes, etc. ☐ Every vessel less than 65.6 ft. (20 meters) in length must carry an efficient sound producing device. ☐ Required to carry approved visual distress signals for night-time use. ☐ One Coast Guard approved B-I type approved hand portable fire extinguisher. (Not required on outboard motorboats less than 26 ft in length if the construction of the motorboat is such that it does not permit the entrapment of explosive or flammable gases or vapors, and if fuel tanks are not permanently installed.) When a fixed fire extinguishing system is installed in machinery spaces it will replace one B-I portable fire extinguisher. ☐ For boats built after 01 August 1980, at least two ventilation ducts capable of efficiently ventilating every closed compartment that contains a gasoline engine and/or tank, except those having permanently installed tanks that vent outside of the boat and which contain no unprotected electrical devices. Engine compartments containing a gasoline engine with a cranking motor
	are additionally required to contain power operated exhaust blowers that
	can be controlled from the instrument



	panel. One approved back-fire flame arrestor device on each carburetor of all gasoline engines installed after April 25, 1940, except outboard motors.
More than 16 feet / 4.9 meters to less than 26 feet / 7.9 meters: ☐ One approved Type I, II or III PFD for each person on board or being towed on water skis, etc.; and one throwable	More than 16 feet / 4.9 meters to less than 26 feet / 7.9 meters: ☐ One approved Type I, II or III PFD for each person on board or being towed on water skis, etc.; and one throwable
Type IV device (Type IV is a throwable floatation device (life ring, floating seat cushion)). (A type V PFD may be used in lieu of any wearable PFD if approved for the activity in which the	Type IV device (Type IV is a throwable floatation device (life ring, floating seat cushion)). (A type V PFD may be used in lieu of any wearable PFD if approved for the activity in which the
boat is being used. A TYPE V HYBRID MUST be worn to be legal.) Every vessel less than 65.6 ft. (20 meters) in length must carry an efficient sound producing device.	boat is being used. A TYPE V HYBRID MUST be worn to be legal.) Every vessel less than 65.6 ft. (20 meters) in length must carry an efficient sound producing device.
☐ Must carry approved visual distress signals for both daytime and night-time use.	☐ Must carry approved visual distress signals for both daytime and night-time use.
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More than 26 feet / 7.9 meters but less than	More than 26 feet / 7.9 meters but less than
 40 feet / 12.2 meters: □ One approved Type I, II or III PFD for each person on board or being towed on water skis, etc.; and one throwable Type IV device (Type IV is a throwable floatation device (life ring, floating seat cushion)). (A type V PFD may be used in lieu of any wearable PFD if approved for the activity in which the boat is being used. A TYPE V HYBRID MUST be worn to be legal.) □ Every vessel less than 65.6 ft. (20 meters) in length must carry an efficient sound producing device. □ Must carry approved visual distress signals for both daytime and night-time use. 	 40 feet / 12.2 meters: □ One approved Type I, II or III PFD for each person on board or being towed on water skis, etc.; and one throwable Type IV device (Type IV is a throwable floatation device (life ring, floating seat cushion)). (A type V PFD may be used in lieu of any wearable PFD if approved for the activity in which the boat is being used. A TYPE V HYBRID MUST be worn to be legal.) □ Every vessel less than 65.6 ft. (20 meters) in length must carry an efficient sound producing device. □ Must carry approved visual distress signals for both daytime and night-time use. □ Two B-I type OR one B-II type approved portable fire extinguishers. When a fixed fire extinguishing system is installed in machinery spaces it will replace one B-I portable fire extinguisher. □ For boats built after 1 August 1980, at least two ventilation ducts capable of efficiently ventilating every closed
	compartment that contains a gasoline engine and/or tank, except those having permanently installed tanks that vent



	outside of the boat and which contain no unprotected electrical devices. Engine compartments containing a gasoline engine with a cranking motor are additionally required to contain power operated exhaust blowers that can be controlled from the instrument panel. One approved back-fire flame arrestor device on each carburetor of all gasoline engines installed after April 25, 1940, except outboard motors.
More than 40 feet / 12.2 meters but less than 65 feet / 19.8 meters:	More than 40 feet / 12.2 meters but less than 65 feet / 19.8 meters:
☐ One approved Type I, II or III PFD for	One approved Type I, II or III PFD for
each person on board or being towed on	each person on board or being towed on
water skis, etc.; and one throwable	water skis, etc.; and one throwable
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meters) in length must carry an efficient	meters) in length must carry an efficient
sound producing device. Must carry approved visual distress	sound producing device. Must carry approved visual distress
signals for both daytime and night-time	signals for both daytime and night-time
use.	use.
	☐ Three B-I type OR one B-I type PLUS
	one B-II type approved portable fire
	extinguishers. When a fixed fire
	extinguishing system is installed in
	machinery spaces it will replace one B-
	I portable fire extinguisher. ☐ For boats built after 1 August 1980, at
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	efficiently ventilating every closed
	compartment that contains a gasoline
	engine and/or tank, except those having
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