**EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST**

- ✔ Valid Registration
- ✔ Registration number properly displayed
- ✔ Validation decals properly displayed
- ✔ Required Lights
- ✔ Flame arrester properly installed *(where required)*
- ✔ Personal flotation devices (wearable)
- ✔ Personal flotation device (throwable)
- ✔ Horn or Whistle
- ✔ Bell *(where required)*
- ✔ Adequate bilge ventilation
- ✔ Approved unexpired visual distress signals
- ✔ Approved fire extinguishers
- ✔ Operator’s License *(non-tidal water only)*
- ✔ Float Plan
- ✔ Boating Safety Certificate *(when required)*

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**Navigation lights**

- Must be kept in serviceable condition and be displayed between sunset and sunrise and at times of restricted visibility.

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**Visual Distress Signal Combinations**

- Type I: Off-shore life jacket over 20 pounds of buoyancy, designed to turn an unconscious person face-up.
- Type II: Near-shore buoyant vest; minimum 15.5 pounds of buoyancy, designed to turn an unconscious person face-up.
- Type III: Flotation aid; minimum 15.5 pounds of buoyancy, not designed to turn an unconscious person face-up; more comfortable for water sports.
- Type IV: Throwable device; minimum 16.5 pounds of buoyancy, designed to be thrown, not worn.
- Type V: Special-use device; must be used in accordance with any requirements on the approval label.

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**Personal Flotation Device**

- One Type I, II, III or V Coast Guard-Approved personal flotation device must be carried for each person on board. They must be readily accessible & of an appropriate size for the intended wearer. One Type IV, a throwable device must also be on board the vessel if it is 16’ or longer.