

Safety Equipment Guide

Life safety & flotation · Fire suppression · Bilge & ventilation

Carriage requirements, stowage and inspection intervals for Northwind safety equipment. Requirements shown are United States Coast Guard minimums for recreational vessels; your flag state or charter authority may require more.

LIFE JACKETS AND THROWABLES

Carry one wearable device of the correct size for every person aboard, stowed where it can be reached without opening a locked or blocked compartment. Vessels of 16 feet and over must also carry one throwable Type IV device, kept immediately available — not stowed in a locker.

ITEM	SPECIFICATION
Wearable	One per person aboard, correctly sized
Type I	Offshore; highest buoyancy, turns most unconscious wearers face-up
Type IV	Throwable; required on vessels 16 ft and over
Inspection	Annually for tears, hardened foam and failed straps

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Marine dry-chemical extinguishers must be mounted in the supplied bracket, not stowed loose, and sited so the crew can reach one without passing through the fire. Check the gauge monthly and invert and shake the cylinder at the same interval to keep the charge from packing.

ITEM	SPECIFICATION
Rating	Class ABC, dry chemical
Mounting	Supplied bracket, accessible without passing the fire
Gauge check	Monthly
Service	Per the manufacturer's date stamp

BILGE AND VENTILATION

Test every bilge pump and its float switch at each departure. A bilge pump is a nuisance pump, not a damage-control pump: it will not keep up with a failed hose or a lost seacock. Fit and test a high-water alarm independent of the pump circuit.

ITEM	SPECIFICATION
Pump test	Every departure

ITEM	SPECIFICATION
High-water alarm	Independent circuit
Ventilation	Run the blower four minutes before starting a petrol engine

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