

BOATER SAFETY GEAR CHECKLIST (6-9 METERS IN LENGTH)

There is nothing better than a summer filled with days, evenings and nights spent out on the water! Whether you are fishing, joy-riding or partaking in fun-filled watersports, you must be safe. This is an easy-to-follow checklist of the 2018 required gear that you must have on board when boating in Canada.

Note: This checklist is to be used as a guide for your convenience and shall not replace the Rules and Regulations provided by Transport Canada.

- You must have 1 Life Jacket or Personal Floatation Device for each person on board.
- If your boat sits greater than 0.5 meters above the water, then a re-boarding device, such as a transom ladder, is required.
- A buoyant heaving line, OR a lifebuoy attached to a buoyant line, are required on board and either must be a length of at least 15 meters.
- At least 1 waterproof flashlight must be on board.
- 6 Flares of types A, B, or C are required. (Note: There are two exceptions to this guideline that can be found in the Transport Canada Requirements.)
- You must also have at least 1 manual propelling device, such as a paddle, OR at least 1 anchor, with a rope, cable or chain at least 15 meters in length.
- A bailing bucket OR a manual bilge pump is required. (Note: There are two exceptions to this guideline that can be found in the Transport Canada Requirements.)
- You must also have at least 1 sound-signaling device, such as a whistle, OR a sound signaling appliance, such as a built-in horn.
- A magnetic compass is also required to be kept on board. (Note: There is an exception to this guideline that can be found in the Transport Canada Requirements.)
- Your boat may also require a radar reflector. (Note: There are exceptions to this guideline that can be found in the Transport Canada Requirements.)
- 1 Fire extinguisher of type 5BC is required if your boat is equipped with any of the following: a motor, stove, fridge or other fuel-burning device, such as a heater.