



Virgin Islands Shipping Registry

Safety equipment list for recreation vessels less than 20m (65ft)

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD'S)

- All Fishing vessels shall carry one wearable PFD (lifejacket) for each person onboard plus 2 extra.
- Type I, or II, is acceptable USCG, MCA approved.

Life Buoys (throw ring)

Vessels longer than 16ft shall carry at lease one (1) throwable life buoy with a lifeline.

Visual Distress Signals

All recreational vessels shall carry the following visual distress signals (Flares):

One flare kit that contains both day/night flares that is approved by the administration and shall be stowed in a portable watertight container and accessible.

Fire Extinguishers

- Approved fire extinguishers are required on boats where a fire hazard could be expected from the electrical motor or fuel system.
- Correct size and type shall be selected in accordance with the size and type of your vessel.

Sound signaling device

A vessel shall carry a horn or whistle, or some other means to make an efficient sound.

Navigational light

- Vessels shall display navigational light between sunset and sunrise and any other periods of reduce visibility in accordance with the international regulations for prevention of Collision at sea 1972



V.H.F Radio

- All vessels shall be fitted with a marine radio, hand held or base station VHF. Cell phones do not satisfy this requirement.

Ground Tackle (anchor)

- Operators shall carry an anchor most suitable for the size of the vessel and appropriate length of rope/chain for the area in which you operate.

Bilge pump

- Portable Handheld pump or electrical bilge pump(required)

Other Equipment

- Compass
- Docking lines
- Waterproof flashlights
- Fenders
- First aid Kit

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