

# Pleasure Craft Safety Check (PCSC)

## VESSEL PREPARATION CHECK LIST

Application: Pleasure Craft to 24m (78') in length.

### Preparing for A Pleasure Craft Safety Check

- **Save time: *Have equipment, documents, and vessel, ready and accessible.***  
*(note) this list is based on past experiences with vessels that have 'failed'. It is not a complete list of equipment.*
- Review your vessel and equipment with the Safe Boating Guide to make sure your boat is compliant
- If you have had a PCSC last (or prior) year, show the form to the PCSC checker
- PCSC's are done at the request of and in presence of the owner or an owner's family on board the vessel. Representatives not of family may not be eligible to present the vessel.
- Please advise the PCSC checker if there any areas of the boat which may pose a risk or inconvenience. (construction, disassembly, spilled fluids, Etc.)
- Depending on their size/power, dinghies may be eligible for their own PCSC.

**License / Registration** - ownership papers are required to be on board for the 'check'

**Proof of Operator Competency** - may be required-verify if you currently require it, have your *Pleasure Craft Operator Card* or other proof of competency available for verification. **Note: all operators of motorized vessels must have proof of competency by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 2009.**

**P.F.D.'s** (*Set out on a bunk, seat, etc*)

Approved personal buoyant device of appropriate size

- one per person in good repair..

**Fire Extinguishers** (*remove from brackets*)

- proper number and size, for the size of vessel
- servicing up to date: (annual inspection tag must be on extinguisher )

**Flares** (*Set out on a table, seat, etc*)

- Approved Pyrotechnic Distress Signals - proper quantity & type for the size of vessel
- valid - within 4 years from the date of manufacture - in good condition

**Sound signal** equipment

- a portable horn is recommended
- all vessels 12m 39'-4" 40 ft. and over must have a sound signalling appliance

**Navigation lights**

- ensure all navigation lights are working including anchor light
- stern light must not be covered

**Marine charts and publications** (minimum)

- charts of area to be navigated
- tide tables

**Radar reflector** - most vessels operating on coastal waters are required to have a radar reflector on board for the purposes of the Collision Regulations and the 'check'.

**Restricted Operators Certificate (Maritime)** - Although not a mandatory requirement of the 'check' it is still a legal requirement to have one if you transmit on a VHF marine radio.

Note: Assess your situation. Even though you may not be required by law to carry certain items, it might be wise to do so.

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