

SEAL OF SAFETY

CHECK LIST (Courtesy Marine Examination-CME)

(To Be Completed by your Auxiliary Vessel Examiner)

A Federal Requirements Pamphlet explains each item.

Obtain a copy for additional information on each subject.

SUBJECT	YES	NO	NOT APPL
1. NUMBERING: (Proper spacing, contrasting color, minimum 3" Block letters)			
2. REGISTRATION / DOCUMENTATION (Papers must be on board)			
3. NAVIGATION LIGHTS (Must operate and show proper configuration)			
4. SOUND PRODUCING DEVICE (Horn, whistle, or other device)			
5. BELL (Boats 12m [39.4 ft.] or longer)			
6. LIFE JACKETS (One wearable for each passenger, minimum-two. Boats 16ft & over also one type IV)			
7. FIRE EXTINGUISHER (Mounted, minimum for size & type of boat, HALON/FE241/CO2-current tag)			
<i>VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS (VDS)</i>			
8. INLAND (VDS, flag, signal light, etc.)			
9. COASTAL & GREAT LAKES (Minimum flares/aerial rockets or approved signals, not expired.)			
10. VENTILATION (For closed compartments with potential for explosive vapors and an ignition source. Installed blower must work. Warning posted)			
11. BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTER (Approved type, tight installation, clean)			
12. FUEL SYSTEM (Tanks secure. Tanks over 7 gallons are considered permanent & must be grounded/vented. Hoses in good condition, no leaks)			
13. ANCHOR & ANCHOR LINE (Suitable for the boat and the boating area)			
14. ALTERNATE PROPULSION (Boats under 16ft. paddle, oar, etc.)			
15. DEWATERING DEVICE (Pumps must work, extra manual bailer)			
16. OVERALL VESSEL CONDITION (Bilge & equipment area clean, well maintained. Not overloaded, overpowered, or automotive parts)			
17. ELECTRICAL SYSTEM (Batteries secure, terminals covered, well organized wiring, proper fuses/circuit breakers)			
18. GALLEY/HEATING SYSTEM (Secure system, proper tank installation. No flammable material nearby)			
19. STATE REQUIREMENTS (Comply with all state safety requirements)			
20. MARINE SANITATION DEVICE (Approved device, overboard discharge sealed)			
21. MARPOL TRASH PLACARD (Boat 26 ft. & over, written plan 40 ft. & over)			
22. POLLUTION PLACARD (Boat 26 ft. & over, w/machinery compartment)			
23. NAVIGATION RULES (Boats 12m, or 39.4 ft. and over)..)			

NOTE: This is not an official boarding for the purpose of locating law violations. It is recommended that you correct any deficiencies noted for your own safety and/or compliance with regulations.

ITEMS WHICH ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR THE SAFETY SEAL DECAL

The following items are **not** a SAFETY requirement for the CME decal. These additional items are Federal Requirements and may be required on your boat. The Vessel Examiner has checked these items to assist you in determining if your vessel is in compliance with these Federal Regulations

SUBJECT	YES	NO	NOT APPL
24. CG CAPACITY PLATE (Visible, monohull power boats, under 20 ft.)			
25. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE LABEL (Monohull power boats under 20 ft., all boats w/installed engines, except outboards, mfg. after 10/31/72)			
26. HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (HIN) (All boats manufactured after 10/31/72)			
27. FCC MARINE RADIO LICENSE (All radios, radar, EPIRB etc.) Required for foreign travel or commercial vessel operation			

REGISTRATION/DOCUMENTATION NO. _____

OWNER/OPERATOR NAME _____

BOAT LENGTH _____ POB _____ YEAR BOAT MFG _____

FUEL ON THE BOAT: GAS _____ DIESEL _____ OTHER _____

BOAT USAGE: PLEASURE _____ COML FRT _____

(NOTE: Commercial Freight may require special equipment)

PASSENGER FOR HIRE (6PAC) AND COMMERCIAL

FISHING BOATS **NOT** ELIGIBLE FOR CME DECAL

STATE WHERE EXAMINED _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INTERESTED IN:

JOINING THE AUXILIARY? YES _____ NO _____

A BS&S Class YES _____ NO _____

A S&S CLASS YES _____ NO _____

FIRST TIME CME FOR OWNER/OPERATOR YES _____ NO _____

DATE EXAMINED _____ DECAL ISSUED: YES _____ NO _____

I certify that I have personally examined this boat and find its condition at the time of examination as stated

Signature of Examiner _____

Member Number _____

Your Auxiliary contact is:

Name (print) _____

Phone No. _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

This check list is furnished for your information. There is no assumption of liability of any kind for either services given or any opinions expressed in connection with this examination. By accepting the CME decal you are pledging to maintain your boat and equipment to the standards of safety exhibited during the examination.

Please remove the decal if the vessel is sold.

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COURTESY MARINE EXAMINATION

A free voluntary service from the
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

MEMBERSHIP IN THE AUXILIARY offers pleasure boaters the opportunity to join other skippers in further training, voluntary operations for and with the Coast Guard and the fellowship of boaters with mutual interests.

Know Before You Go

The Courtesy Marine Examination is one of several services performed by Auxiliary members, a civilian, non-military component of the U.S. Coast Guard. Public Education classes are also offered by the Auxiliary. Courses include Boating Skills and Seamanship, Coastal Navigation, Sailing and Seamanship, and Youth courses.

To take a Coast Guard Boating Safety Class, call 1-800-336-BOAT or your local Auxiliary unit.

Award of a CME decal may qualify your boat for an insurance premium discount. See your agent.

Coast Guard Customer Infoline

800-368-5647

Call Toll Free
for information

U.S. Department
of Transportation
**United States
Coast Guard**

- Join the Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Information on boating.
- Safety recalls.
- To report possible defects in boats.
- To comment on U.S.C.G. boating procedures.
- For answers to boating questions.
- For boating safety literature

Additional Federal Requirements

- Capacity Plate
- Certificate of Compliance
- Hull Identification Number

These are additional Federal Requirements supplied by the manufacturer when specified.

EMERGENCY BOATING PROCEDURES

Before leaving the dock review these simple procedures

- Inform all passengers of emergency procedures---review this list.
- Identify emergency equipment: fire extinguishers and pumps.
- Locate ignition switch, power switches, fuel valves, and associated equipment..
- Recommend each passenger wear a Personal Flotation Device (life jacket) while underway.
- Leave a float plan with a friend or relative.

Radio Procedure

- Contact the Coast Guard. Use channel 16 (Marine Radio) or call on Cellular Phone
- If equipped with a CB Radio call emergency channel 9.
- Give the boat name, registration number, radio call sign.
- Identify the boat by size, description and color.
- Give your location or compass heading to a known point.
- Describe the emergency - stay calm.

Leaks or Damage Control

- Put on Personal Flotation Device (life jackets) open deck hatches, look for leaks.
- Start bilge pump, get manual pumps or buckets.
- Shut off engine only if leak may be from engine hoses.
- If hull is damaged and engine is inboard (not stern drive), shut off engine, close sea cock, disconnect intake water hose, place end in bilge, restart engine to act as bilge pump.

Fire or Explosion

- Be ready to go overboard with Personal Flotation Device.
- Reduce air to fire area - leave hatches closed, close doors, shut off electric supply.
- Use extinguisher, if possible.
- Jettison burning material, if possible.
- Use radio procedure above, calling MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY.
- Prepare to abandon ship, get signaling flares or flags, throw flotation material overboard.
- If you abandon ship, stay together, use distress signals when help is in sight. Gather additional flotation material around you.

Man Overboard

- Shout "MAN OVERBOARD" - continuously watch person in the water, point direction so skipper can maneuver to retrieve.
- Stop engine (propeller rotation) if person overboard is near the boat.
- Throw life ring, seat cushion, or marker light in area of the person.
- Don't jump in the water to assist.