

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS
(ALL EQUIPMENT MUST BE COAST GUARD APPROVED)




















U. S Coast Guard Safety Exams are required for all commercial fishing vessels that operate outside of 3 miles from the Territorial Sea Baseline.

PERSONAL FLOTATION	DOCUMENTED	SEWARD OF BOUNDARY LINE NEEDS AN IMMERSION SUIT FOR EACH PERSON ONBOARD.	INSIDE 3 MILES LESS THAN 40 FEET IN LENGTH: TYPE I, TYPE II, TYPE III, TYPE V OR IMMERSION SUIT FOR EACH PERSON ONBOARD.	INSIDE 3 MILES 40 FEET OR MORE IN LENGTH: TYPE I, TYPE V OR IMMERSION SUIT FOR EACH PERSON ONBOARD.
	STATE REGISTERED	BEYOND 3 MILES IN COLD WATER NEEDS: IMMERSION SUIT FOR EACH PERSON ONBOARD	INSIDE 3 MILES LESS THAN 40 FEET IN LENGTH: TYPE I, TYPE II, TYPE III, TYPE V OR IMMERSION SUIT FOR EACH PERSON ONBOARD.	INSIDE 3 MILES 40 FEET OR MORE IN LENGTH: TYPE I, TYPE V OR IMMERSION SUIT FOR EACH PERSON ONBOARD.
	REQUIRED FOR ALL PFDS.	EACH PFD MUST BE MARKED WITH NAME OF VESSEL, MUST HAVE THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL ONBOARD. MUST BE READILY ACCESSABLE. MUST BE IN SERVICABLE CONDITION. MUST HAVE APPROVED PML LIGHT. MUST BE MARKED WITH APPROVED TYPE I REFLECTIVE TAPE. TYPE V PFDS MUST BE WORN. AN IMMERSION SUIT MAY SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY TYPE PFD.		

SURVIVAL CRAFTS ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR SURVIVAL CRAFT ARE BASED ON REGISTRATION OF VESSEL (DOCUMENTED OR STATE REG) COLD/WARM WATER, NUMBER OF PERSONS ONBOARD AND SIZE OF VESSEL). EACH INFLATABLE LIFERAFT OR BOUYANT APPARATUS MUST BE KEPT READILY ACCESSIBLE FOR LAUNCHING OR BE STOWED AS TO BE FLOAT FREE. EACH LIFE RAFT OR INFLATABLE BUOYANT APPARATUS MUST MEET ALL SERVICING REQUIREMENTS.

DOCUMENTED FISHING VESSEL

WARM WATER




















	POB	BOUNDARY LINE	3 MILE LINE OUT	12 MILE LINE OUT	20 MILE LINE OUT	50 MILE LINE OUT
VESSEL UNDER 36 FEET	Three or Less POB 	None Required →	None Required	 Life Float	 Inflatable Liferaft	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS A
	than three POB 	None Required →	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Life Float	 Inflatable Liferaft	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS A
	POB	BOUNDARY LINE	3 MILE LINE	12 MILE LINE	20 MILE LINE	50 MILE LINE
VESSEL 36 FEET GREATER	Three or Less POB 	None Required →	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Life Float	 Inflatable Liferaft	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS A
	than three POB 	None Required →	 Life Float	 Life Float	 Inflatable Liferaft	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS A

The waters are considered warm for most of New England during the months of July, August and September. The waters south of Watch Hill, RI are also considered warm in June thru October. The waters of northern New England above Isle of Shoals Light (42 58.00'N) and 20 miles or more off shore remain cold water year round.

For a complete breakdown of cold water boundaries see Navigation and Inspection Circular No. 7-91























STATE NUMBERED FISHING VESSELS

WARM WATER

	POB	BOUNDARY LINE	3 MILE LINE OUT	12 MILE LINE OUT	20 MILE LINE OUT	50 MILE LINE OUT
VESSEL UNDER 36 FEET	 Three or Less POB	None Required	None Required	 Life Float	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus
	 More than three POB	None Required	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Life Float	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus
	POB	BOUNDARY LINE	3 MILE LINE	12 MILE LINE	20 MILE LINE	50 MILE LINE
VESSEL 36 FEET GREATER	 Three or Less POB	None Required	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Life Float	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus
	 More than three POB	None Required	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Life Float	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus























DOCUMENTED FISHING VESSEL

COLD WATER

	POB	BOUNDARY LINE	3 MILE LINE OUT	12 MILE LINE OUT	20 MILE LINE OUT	50 MILE LINE OUT
VESSEL UNDER 36 FEET	 Three or Less POB	None Required	None Required	 Inflatable Liferaft	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS B	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS A
	 More than three POB	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Liferaft	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS B	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS A
	POB	BOUNDARY LINE	3 MILE LINE	12 MILE LINE	20 MILE LINE	50 MILE LINE
VESSEL 36 FEET GREATER	 Three or Less POB	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Liferaft	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS B	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS A
	 More than three POB	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Liferaft	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS B	 Inflatable Liferaft SOLAS A

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COLD WATER**

	POB	BOUNDARY LINE	3 MILE LINE OUT	12 MILE LINE OUT	20 MILE LINE OUT	50 MILE LINE OUT
VESSEL UNDER 36 FEET	 Three or Less POB	None Required	None Required	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus
	 More than three POB	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus
VESSEL 36 FEET GREATER	 Three or Less POB	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus
	 More than three POB	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus	 Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus

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LIFE RING / RING BUOY	UNDER 16 FEET: NONE REQUIRED	16' TO 25' NEEDS 1 20" OR LARGER ORANGE RING WITH 60' OF LINE OR THROWABLE CUSHION (TYPE IV).	26' TO 64' NEEDS 1 24" ORANGE RING WITH 60' OF LINE.	65' OR MORE NEEDS 3 24" ORANGE RINGS WITH AT LEAST ONE RING HAVING 90' OF LINE.
MARINE SANITATION DEVICE	IF INSTALLED MUST HAVE A "Y" VALVE AND MUST BE SECURED WHILE OPERATING IN U.S. TERRITORIAL WATERS SO AS TO PROHIBIT ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE (INSIDE 3 NAUTICAL MILES) USE OF A PADLOCK, NON-REUSABLE WIRE TIE OR REMOVABLE VALVE HANDLE WOULD BE CONSIDERED ADEQUATE IN SECURING THE "Y" VALVE.			
NAVIGATION LIGHTS	RULES CONCERNING LIGHTS MUST BE COMPLIED WITH FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE, OR IN OR NEAR AREAS OF RESTRICTED VISABILITY.			
DISTRESS SIGNALS	MORE THAN 50 MILES FROM COAST NEEDS 3 SOLAS (160.136) PARACHUETE FLARES, 6 SOLAS (160.121) HAND FLARES AND 3 SOLAS (160.122) SMOKE SIGNALS	FROM 3 UP TO 50 MILES FROM COAST: NEEDS 3 PARACHUETE FLARES, 6 HAND FLARES AND 3 SMOKE SIGNALS	COASTAL WATERS UP TO 3 MILES FROM COAST DURING DAY NEEDS 3 PARACHUETE FLARES OR 3 HAND FLARES OR 3 SMOKE SIGNALS OR 1 DISTRESS FLAG	COASTAL WATERS UP TO 3 MILES FROM COAST DURING NIGHT NEEDS 3 PARACHUETE FLARES OR 3 HAND FLARES OR 1 DISTRESS LIGHT
POLLUTION AND GARBAGE PLACARD	FOR ALL VESSELS 26 FEET OR MORE IN LENGTH.			
EPIRB (BEYOND 3 MILES FROM THE COAST)	VESSEL 36' OR MORE IN LENGTH MUST HAVE A CATEGORY I FLOAT FREE AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATED 406 MHz EPIRB.		VESSEL LESS THAN 36' IN LENGTH MUST HAVE A CATEGORY I FLOAT FREE AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATED 406 MHz EPIRB OR A CATEGORY 2 FLOATING MANUALLY ACTIVATED 406 MHz EPIRB	
	EPIRB MUST HAVE CURRENT REGISTRATION (REGISTRATIONS ARE GOOD FOR 2 YEARS. EXPIRATION STICKER WILL BE AFIXED TO EPIRB), MUST BE TESTED MONTHLY, MUST HAVE WORKING NON-EXPIRED AFFIXED BATTERY.			
INJURY PLACARD	REQUIRED ON ALL COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS. AT LEAST 5" X 7" IN SIZE.			
FIRE EXT	LESS THAN 26' NEEDS 1 B-1 EXTINGUISHER	26' TO LESS THAN 40' NEEDS 2 B-1 EXTINGUISHERS OR 1 BIL.	40' TO LESS THAN 65' NEEDS 3 B-1 EXTINGUISHERS.	

ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUIRED ONBOARD FEDERALLY DOCUMENTED COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS	
FIRST AID KIT	MUST BE ONBOARD WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD. MUST BE READILY ACCESSABLE.
FIRST AID AND CPR CERTIFICATION	WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE WITH MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE ONBOARD AT LEAST ONE PERSON MUST BE CERTIFIED FOR CPR AND FIRST AID.
GUARDS FOR EXPOSED HAZARDS	WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD.
NAVIGATIONAL INFORMATION	WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD YOU MUST HAVE THESE REQUIRED ITEMS: MARINE CHARTS FOR AREA TO BE TRANSITED, A COPY FOR THE AREA OR EXTRACT OF: U. S. COAST PILOT, COAST GUARD LIGHT LIST, TIDE TABLES, TIDAL CURRENT TABLES, A COPY OF THE INLAND NAVIGATION RULES.
COMPASS	WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD YOU MUST HAVE A MAGNETIC STEERING COMPASS AND A COMPASS DEVIATION TABLE.
ANCHOR	WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD. APPROPRIAT FOR VESSEL AND WATERS WITH CHAIN, CABLE OR ROPE.
RADAR REFLECTOR	WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD WHEN VESSEL HAS NON-METALLIC HULL.
COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT (SATELLITE COMMS SYS MAY TAKE THE PLACE OF 2-4 AND 2-2.75 MHz RADIO	WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD MUST HAVE VHF RADIO WITH FREQUENCY CAPABILITIES OF 156-162 MHz
	WHEN OPERATING BEYOND 20 MILES FROM THE COAST MUST HAVE VHF RADIO WITH FREQUENCY CAPABILITIES OF 2-4 MHz
	WHEN OPERATING BEYOND 100 MILES FROM THE COAST MUST HAVE VHF RADIO WITH FREQUENCY CAPABILITIES OF 2-27.5 MHz
HIGH WATER ALARMS	REQUIRED WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD VESSELS WHICH ARE 36 FEET OR MORE IN LENGTH. VISUAL AND AUDIBLE ALARM AT OPERATING STATION TO INDICATE HIGH WATER LEVELS IN UNMANNED SPACES.
BILGE PUMPS	REQUIRED WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD.
EMERGENCY INSTRUCTION	REQUIRED WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD
DRILLS AND SAFETY TRAINING	REQUIRED WHEN OPERATING BEYOND THE BOUNDARY LINE OR WITH MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE ONBOARD. INDIVIDUAL PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS OR CONDUCTING DRILLS MUST HAVE COMPLETED A COAST GUARD APPROVED COURSE.
	SAFETY ORIENTATION: THE MASTER MUST ENSURE THAT SAFETY ORIENTATION IS GIVEN TO EACH INDIVIDUAL ONBOARD THAT HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE DRILLS REQUIRED BEFORE THE VESSEL MAY OPERATE.
THIS SHEET REPRESENTS A QUICK REFERENCE OF REGULATIONS FOR TUNA BOATS THAT MEET THE CRITERA TO BE DESIGNATED AS A COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL. TO VIEW ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS READ THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS PAMPHLET WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE: WWW.FISHSAFE.INFO . IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR A FREE DOCKSIDE FISHING VESSEL EXAM PLEASE CONTACT PAUL BASSICK AT 617-223-8315 OR SEND A REQUEST BY E-MAIL TO: paul.m.bassick@uscg.mil .	

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