



50% of all boating deaths in New York could have been avoided if the victim had been wearing a life-jacket. Make sure your lifejacket fits properly, is in good condition, and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.

New York Safe Boating



Youths operating motorboats and anyone operating a personal watercraft must complete a boating safety course.

To find a course near you, go to: www.nysparks.com and click *Boating*. Classes are open to anyone interested in learning to be a safer boater.



AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH



FOR IMMEDIATE DANGER TO LIFE OR PROPERTY CALL 911 OR USCG ON MARINE CHANNEL 16

LOOK FOR AND REPORT:

- Suspicious waterfront loitering
- Forcible access
- Persons photographing, taping or sketching
- Boaters seeming to be forcibly controlled
- Liquids being poured into water bodies
- Apparently dangerous loads or cargoes
- Items appearing to be weapons or explosives
- Boats loitering under bridges or by locks or dams
- Diving operations near any critical infrastructure
- Boats or divers in naval protection zones
- Note appearance, size and coloring of individuals
- Note type of boat, car, registration, etc
- If diving is involved, note color of equipment

REPORT WHAT YOU SEE TO

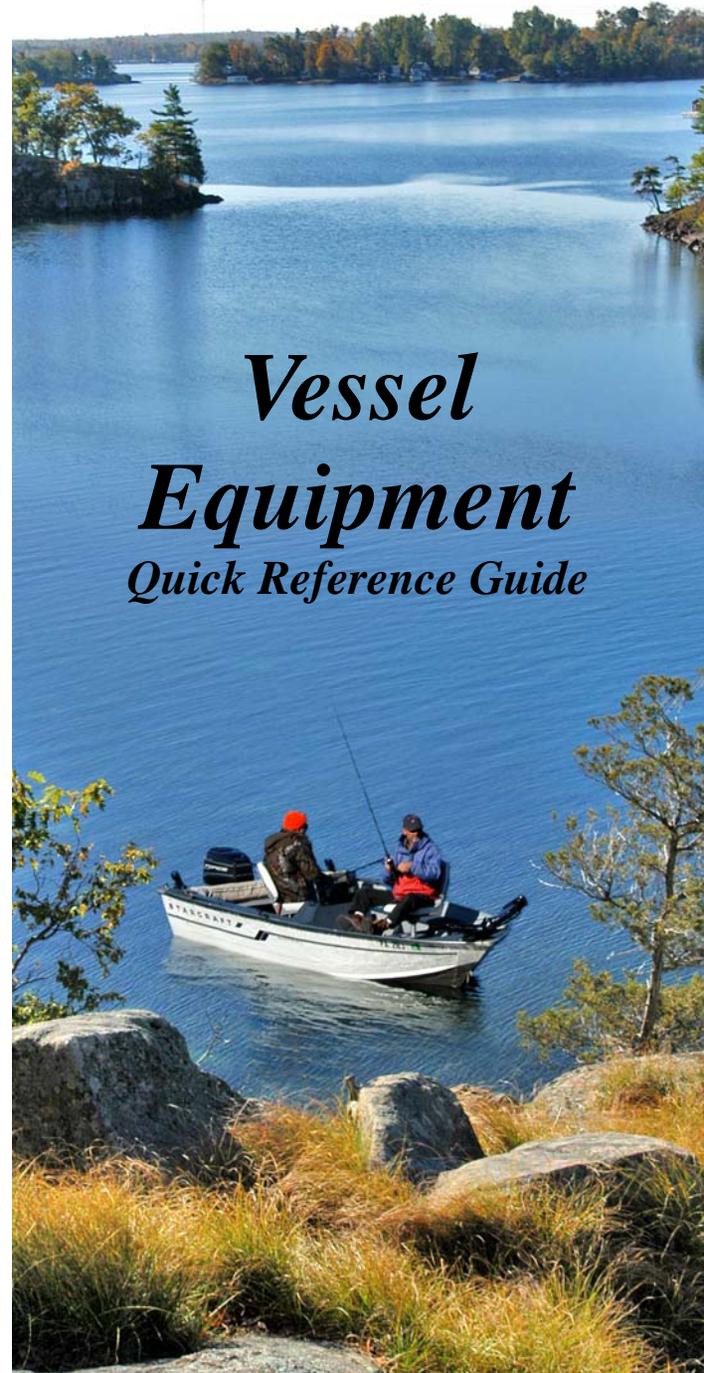
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REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	CLASS A < 16'	CLASS 1 16' - >26'	CLASS 2 26' - >40'	CLASS 3 40' - > 65'	CLASS 4 65' and Over	CLASS 5 Rowboat, Canoe	PWC
Valid Registration	REQUIRED IF MECHANICALLY PROPELLED (Commercially Documented Vessels are Exempt)						
PFD's (Life Jackets)	<u>ONE</u> USCG APPROVED, TYPE I, II, III OR V <u>FOR EACH PERSON</u> ON BOARD OR TOWED BEHIND						
PFD's Must Be Worn	Anyone Under Age 12, All persons from Nov - May (vessels < 21')				Not Required	Anyone Under Age 12	Everyone
Throwable Flotation Device (Type IV)	NOT REQUIRED	ONE REQUIRED				Not Required If Less Than 16 Feet	NOT REQUIRED
Sound Producing Device	REQUIRED IF MECHANICALLY PROPELLED (Mouth Whistle Acceptable For Vessels Less Than 39 Feet)						
Bell	NOT REQUIRED			REQUIRED		NOT REQUIRED	
Anchor & Line	REQUIRED IF MECHANICALLY PROPELLED						NOT REQUIRED
Backfire Flame Arrestor	REQUIRED FOR ALL INBOARD GASOLINE POWERED ENGINES						
Fire Extinguisher	ONE B-1		TWO B-1 or ONE B-2	THREE B-1 or ONE B-1 & B-2	Must Meet Federal Requirements	Not Required Unless Mechanically Propelled	NOT REQUIRED
Visual Distress Signal	NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED (Day or Night as Appropriate)				NOT REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Navigation Lights	REQUIRED FOR OPERATION AT NIGHT OR LIMITED VISIBILITY						Night Operation Not Permitted
Capacity Plate	REQUIRED		NOT REQUIRED			REQUIRED	NOT REQUIRED
Engine Cut-Off Lanyard	NOT REQUIRED						REQUIRED
Muffled Exhaust	REQUIRED OF ALL MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSELS						
Noise Level Compliance	90 dB Stationary, 75 dB Underway for All Vessel With Above Water Exhaust. Alterations and Cutouts are Illegal.						
Recommended Equipment	Paddles, Oars, Dock Lines, Marine Radio or Cell Phone, Tool Kit, Flashlight, Fenders, First Aid Kit, Spare Fuel, Spare Fuses, GPS or Chart						