

# Iowa Required Equipment Checklist

	PWC	Boat Less Than 16 Feet	Boat 16 Ft. To Less Than 26 Feet
Boater Education Certificate Onboard	✓ <sup>1</sup>		
Registration Certificate Onboard	✓	✓	✓
Registration Decals Displayed	✓	✓	✓
Vessel Capacity Displayed	✓	✓	✓
PFDs: Type I, II, III or V	✓ <sup>2</sup>	✓	✓
PFD: Type IV			✓
Type B-I Fire Extinguisher	✓	✓	✓
Backfire Flame Arrestor	✓	✓ <sup>3</sup>	✓ <sup>3</sup>
Ventilation System	✓	✓	✓
Muffler	✓	✓	✓
Horn, Whistle or Bell	✓	✓	✓
Daytime Visual Distress System			✓ <sup>4</sup>
Night Time Visual Distress System	<sup>5</sup>	✓ <sup>4</sup>	✓ <sup>4</sup>
Navigation Lights	<sup>5</sup>	✓	✓

1. Required for operators under 18 years of age.

2. Every person onboard a PWC must wear a PFD (life jacket) at all times.

3. Required on inboard and stern drives only.

4. Required only if operating on federally controlled waters.

5. Some items are not applicable to personal watercraft since these vessels may not be operated between the hours of sunset to sunrise.