

# Louisiana Required Equipment Checklist

	PWCs	Boats Less Than 16 Ft.	Boats 16 Ft. To Less Than 26 Ft.
Boater Education Certificate On Board	✓	✓	✓
Certificate of Number On Board	✓	✓	✓
Validation Decals Displayed	✓	✓	✓
PFDs: Type I, II, or III	✓ <sup>1, 2</sup>	✓ <sup>2</sup>	✓ <sup>2</sup>
PFD: Type IV			✓
Ignition Safety Switch	✓		
Type B-I Fire Extinguisher	✓	✓	✓
Backfire Flame Arrestor	✓	✓ <sup>3</sup>	✓ <sup>3</sup>
Ventilation System	✓	✓	✓
Muffler	✓	✓	✓
Horn, Whistle, or Bell			✓
Daytime Visual Distress Signals			✓ <sup>4</sup>
Nighttime Visual Distress Signals	5	✓ <sup>4</sup>	✓ <sup>4</sup>
Navigation Lights	5	✓	✓

1. Those on personal watercraft (PWCs) must *wear* an approved personal flotation device (life jacket) at all times.
2. Children 12 years of age and younger must *wear* an approved life jacket while underway on a vessel less than 26 feet long.
3. Required on inboards and stern drives only.
4. Required only when boating on federally controlled waters.
5. Certain items are not applicable to PWCs because PWCs are not allowed to operate between sunset and sunrise.

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