

# BOATING REFERENCE TABLE

**STAY ON TOP!!** Use this checklist prior to every departure to help ensure your boating safety.

## Things To Do Before Leaving the Dock

- Leave your Sail/Float Plan with a responsible person.
- Check your fuel supply—a good rule to follow is 1/3 out, 1/3 back, and 1/3 reserve.
- Make sure your boat is not overloaded and the load is distributed evenly.
- Check weather on television, AM/FM radio, or VHF radio. Monitor radio, sky, and water for changes.
- Complete a pre-departure maintenance check of your boat. Check your required equipment.
- Have all passengers try on their flotation devices for proper fit and wear. Inform them where they are stored.
- Make sure your drain plug is in.



REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	MOTORBOATS (Including electric motorized, sailing vessels under engine power, and jet skis)									SAILBOATS (If any type of motor attached, see motorboats)			MANUALLY PROPELLED (no motor or sail)	WHITewater (canoe, kayak, raft)
	Personal Watercraft	Less than 16' in length (Class A)	16' but less than 26' (Class 1)	26' but less than 40' (Class 2)	40' but less than 65' (Class 3)	Less than 16' in length (Class A)	16' but less than 26' (Class 1)	26' but less than 40' (Class 2)	40' but less than 65' (Class 3)	Canoes, Punks, Kayakers, Sailboards, Rowlocks, and other rafts on lakes	Canoes, Kayaks, and Rafts on Rivers			
<b>CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER/REGISTRATION</b> (card) BAR 18.17.2 NMAC 8.A	X	X	X	X	X	X*1	X	X	X					
<b>BOATER EDUCATION CARD</b> BAR 18.17.4 NMAC 8	X	X	X	X	X	X*1	X	X	X					
<b>REGISTRATION NUMBERS</b> BAR 18.17.2 NMAC 8.B	X	X	X	X	X	X*1	X	X	X					
<b>FLOTATION DEVICES/ LIFE JACKETS</b> BAR 18.17.2 NMAC 9.A	One Type I, II, III, or V (life jacket) for each person on board—USCG—approved and in good condition													
	X*3	X*4	X*4	X	X	X*1,4	X*4	X	X	X*3	X*3			
	One additional Type IV (throwable device) on board and readily available													
	X*2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
<b>FIRE EXTINGUISHERS</b> BAR 18.17.2 NMAC 9.B	One Type B-I													
	X	X*5	X*5			X*5	X*5							
	Two Type B-I or one Type B-II													
				X				X						
	Three Type B-I or one B-II plus one B-I													
					X				X					
<b>ROPE</b> 66-12-7.A(4) NMSA 1978	Stout rope—must be at least the length of the vessel													
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>PADDLE/OAR</b> 66-12-7.A(2) NMSA 1978	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>BAILING BUCKET or HAND-OPERATED BILGE PUMP</b> 66-12-7.A(3) NMSA 1978	Bailing bucket—must be at least one-gallon capacity													
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>SOUND-PRODUCING DEVICES</b> BAR 18.17.2 NMAC 9.C	Whistle or some other sound-producing device (2 sec. plus ½ mile)													
	X	X	X			X	X			X	X	X		
	Hand- or power-operated whistle or horn, and a bell (2 sec. plus 1 mile)													
				X	X				X	X				
<b>NAVIGATION LIGHTS</b> BAR 18.17.2 NMAC 9.F	Red and green sidelights, white forward masthead light, and white sternlight													
		X*6	X*6	X*6	X									
		X	X	X						X*7	X*7			
	Red and green combination lights and all-round white light													
												X*7		
	Red and green sidelights and white sternlight													
						X*7	X*7	X	X					
<b>VENTILATION SYSTEM</b> 66-12-7.C NMSA 1978	X	X*8	X*8	X*8	X*8	X*8	X*8	X*8	X*8					
<b>BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTOR 18 NMAC</b> BAR 18.17.2 NMAC 9.D	X*9	X*9	X*9	X*9	X*9	X*9	X*9	X*9	X*9					
<b>IGNITION SAFETY SWITCH LANYARD</b> 66-12-11.A NMSA	X*10													

### Exceptions and Notes:

1. Does not apply to sailboards or windsurf boards. Operators may have a flotation assist device worn in lieu of a PFD.
2. Does not apply to stand-up PWCs.
3. Approved PFDs (life jackets) must be properly worn by all persons on board and those being towed.
4. Required to be worn on U.S. Corps of Engineer lakes on all boats up to 16 feet long.
5. An extinguisher is required if a vessel has any of the following: inboard engine, closed compartments where portable fuel tanks may be stored, double bottoms not completely sealed or flotation filled, closed living spaces, closed storage areas in which combustible or flammable materials may be stored, or permanently installed fuel tanks.
6. Sailing vessels under power or under both power and sail use must display these lights.
7. If sidelights and sternlight are impractical, the vessel must have a lighted lantern showing a 360° white light visible for 1/2 mile.
8. Applies to all vessels, except a vessel of "open construction," using any liquid of a volatile or toxic nature for any purpose.
9. Applies to all vessels with inboard motors (does not apply to outboards).
10. Lanyard of the ignition safety switch must be attached to the operator, operator's clothing, or operator's PFD, if equipped.

### Things you SHOULD HAVE on your boat

- Map for boating area and a compass and/or GPS
- First-aid kit and manual
- Basic tool kit and spare parts
- Engine maintenance manual
- VHF radio or cell phone (Channel 16—distress/safety)