

Oregon Required Equipment

Instructions: Find the column to the right that matches the boat you will be using. The dots in that column show the equipment that is required. The numbers refer to footnotes, which explain any exceptions or special situations. Please note that this chart is for quick reference only. For more complete information, go to the Oregon State Marine Board website at www.boatoregon.com or call the Marine Board to request a current copy of Oregon's boating laws and rules.

Warning: Just because you are exempt from carrying a specific item doesn't mean you shouldn't take it along. Smart and responsible boat operators always play it safe!

	Powerboats					Sailboats				Manually Propelled
	Personal Watercraft	Less than 16 feet in length (Class A)	16 feet but less than 26 feet in length (Class 1)	26 feet but less than 40 feet in length (Class 2)	40 feet but less than 65 feet in length (Class 3)	Less than 16 feet in length (Class A)	16 feet but less than 26 feet in length (Class 1)	26 feet but less than 40 feet in length (Class 2)	40 feet but less than 65 feet in length (Class 3)	
CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER (REGISTRATION) & DISPLAY OF NUMBERS	●	●	●	●	●	● ¹	●	●	●	
PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES	● One Type I, II, III, or V wearable device for each person on board <i>On personal watercraft, all persons must wear Type I, II, or III life jackets! • Children 12 and under must wear life jackets!</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	● One Type IV throwable device		●	●	●		●	●	●	● ²
FIRE EXTINGUISHER(S)	● One Type B-I	● ³	● ³			● ³	● ³			
	● Two Type B-I or one B-II			● ⁴				● ⁴		
	● Three Type B-I or one B-II plus one B-I				● ⁴				● ⁴	
VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS	● On federally controlled waters* when operating from sunset to sunrise, USCG-approved night signals	●	●			●	●			●
	● On federally controlled waters*, USCG-approved signals for both day and night use			●	●	●		●	●	
SOUND-PRODUCING DEVICES	● On federally controlled* and inland waters, a whistle, horn, or other device	●	●	●	●	● ⁵	●	●	● ⁵	●
LIGHTS	● Running lights (navigation lights) as prescribed by federal and state law	●	●	●	●	●	● ⁶	●	●	
	● Running lights (navigation lights) like above or electric torch or lighted lantern					●	● ⁷			●
	● Anchor light (all-round white light)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
VENTILATION SYSTEM —Engine and fuel tank compartments	● ⁸	● ⁹	● ⁹	● ⁹	● ⁹					
BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTOR —Inboard engines	● ⁸	●	●	●	●					
MUFFLING DEVICE or underwater exhaust	●	●	●	●	●					
ENGINE CUTOFF SWITCH LANYARD	●									

- Title and registration are not required for sailboats less than 12 feet in length.
- Applies only to vessels over 16 feet in length. Canoes and kayaks of any size are exempt from needing a Type IV PFD.
- Except when a fixed fire extinguishing system is installed in machinery and on vessels less than 26 feet in length designed for use with an outboard motor and of "open construction."
- When an approved fixed fire extinguishing system is installed, one less Type B-I is required.
- A bell is required in addition to the whistle or horn for any vessel 39.4 feet (12 meters) or more in length.

- Applies to sailing vessels 23 feet (7 meters) or more in length.
- Applies to sailing vessels less than 23 feet (7 meters) in length.
- Some varieties of personal watercraft may be exempted by the U.S. Coast Guard. Consult your watercraft dealer or the manufacturer to verify requirements.
- Boats built after July 31, 1980, are required to have powered ventilation for engine compartments that are not open to the atmosphere.

* Federally controlled waters in Oregon include the mouth of the Columbia River and all coastal waters.