

BOATING REFERENCE TABLE

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

Things to do Before Leaving The Dock.

- Sail/Float Plan is left with a responsible person.
(description of boat, passengers & itinerary) Call or radio any changes, especially late returns.
- 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 load is distributed evenly. 18 NMAC 17.2 (11.4)
- Check weather on television, AM/FM or VHF radio and monitor radio, sky and water for changes.
- Complete a pre-departure maintenance check of 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 plugs are in.



REQUIRED EQUIPMENT		MOTORBOATS (Including electric motors and jet skis)					SAILBOATS (If any type of propulsion 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, Kayaks, SUP's Rowboats, Sailboards, and Rubber Rafts	
Find the column to the right which applies to your vessel. An "X" in that column indicates the equipment item is required. Numbers beside the X's explain any exceptions to the equipment requirement. Numbers are below table. NOTE: This chart is intended as a quick reference only. Refer to the booklet of the Boat Act for more complete information on the boating statutes and regulations.												
CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER / REGISTRATION (CARD)		X	X	X	X	X	X*1	X	X	X		
BOATING EDUCATION CARD Born on or after Jan.1, 1989												
REGISTRATION NUMBERS 18 NMAC 17.2 (8.2)		X	X	X	X	X	X*1	X	X	X		
FLOTATION DEVICES 18 NMAC 17.2 (9.1)	One Size, I, II, III, or Type V (wearable device) for each person on board. USCG approved, in good condition.	X*2	X*3	X*3	X	X	X*3	X*3	X	X	X*2,3	X*2,3
	One additional Type IV (throwable device) on board - readily available.		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS 18 NMAC 17.2 (9.2)	One Size B-I.	X	X*4	X*4			X*4	X*4				
	Two Size B-I or one Size B-II.				X				X			
	Three Size B-I or one B-II plus one B-I.					X				X		
ROPE 66-12-7 A (4) NMSA	Stout rope equal to vessel length.	X*5	X*5	X*5	X*5	X*5	X*5	X*5	X*5			
PADDLE/OAR 66-12-7 A (2)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BAILING BUCKET or HAND OPERATED BILGE PUMP 66-12-7 A (3)	Bucket must be one gallon capacity.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SOUND PRODUCING DEVICES 18 NMAC 17.2 (9.3)	Whistle or some other sound producing device. (2 sec. plus 1/2 mile)	X	X	X			X	X			X	X
	Whistle or horn, hand or power operated and a bell. (2 sec. plus 1 mile)				X				X			
LIGHTS 18 NMAC 17.2 (9.6)	Red and green side lights, white masthead light and stern light.					X						
	Red and green combination lights and white all-round aft light.		X	X	X							
	Red and green side lights and stern light.						X*6	X*6	X	X	X*6	
VENTILATION 66-12-7 (c) NMSA 1978		X	X*7	X*7	X*7	X*7	X*7	X*7	X*7			
BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTOR 18 NMAC 17.2 (9.4)		X	X*8	X*8	X*8	X*8	X*8	X*8	X*8			
ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCH LANYARD 66-12-11 (A) NMSA		X*9										

Exceptions and Notes:

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- Does not apply to: sailboards or windsurf boards.
- Approved PFD's must be properly worn by all occupants.
- Required to be worn on U.S. Corps of Engineer lakes on all boats up to 16'.
- EXCEPTION:** If vessel is not constructed with 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, an extinguisher is not required.
- If you do not use a rope that is stout and your vessel breaks loose, the damage is your responsibility.
- If sidelights and stern light are impractical, it shall have a white electric torch or lighted lantern to be exhibited in time to avoid a collision. NMAC 18.17.2.9
- Applies to all vessels, except a vessel of "open construction", using any liquid of a volatile or toxic nature, for any purpose.
- Applies to all vessels with inboard motors (not outboards).
- Cut off switch or lanyard must be attached to operator, operator's clothing, or operator's PFD, if equipped. 66-12-11 (A) NMSA 1978

Things you SHOULD HAVE on your boat

- Map for boating area & 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)