



## **PLEASURE BOAT AND PLEASURE VESSEL EQUIPMENT STANDARDS**

The following standards are those specified in the Recommendations and Regulations Affecting the Licensing and Operation of Small Craft issued by the South West Regional Standing Committee for the Safety of Small Craft)

All equipment to be supplied and carried at all times and in good working order.

The Examining Officer may request any additional equipment he deems necessary for the specific operational requirements.

Where a higher standard of equipment than recommended is required for any boat by reason of any statutory order or provision of any requirements of the Maritime Coastguard Agency, such higher standard shall be applied.

### **Equipment to be Provided For Category 1 Boats**

1. Painter.
2. Bilge pump (if practicable) and bailer and bucket.
3. Lifejackets available for 100% passengers and crew. (For vessels operating inside harbour limits, buoyancy aids/lifejacket of 100N CEN 395 are recommended as a minimum. It is recommended that bands of retro-reflective material are added to lifejackets and life buoys).  
(Powered or Sailing Craft):-
4. Approved alternative means of propulsion (e.g. paddles).
5. One lifebuoy for boats carrying not more than 6 persons otherwise two lifebuoys.
6. Together with the lifebuoys in 5) above, approved buoyant apparatus to support 100% of passengers and crew.
  - (a) This buoyant apparatus may be made up to standard MCA lifebuoys and/or built-in buoyancy.
  - (b) Regard may be had to built-in buoyancy only if adequate and suitable grab lines or rails or bilge keels are provided and maintained.
7. Notice stating:
  - (a) Location and effect of local weather signals;
  - (b) Restrictions on area of operation, including a warning that the craft is not to enter areas buoyed for swimmers.
  - (c) Emergency procedures.

8. Anchor and rope. Anchor should be of sufficient mass for type and size of vessel. Anchor rope should be of suitable length for depth of water in area of operation.

### **Equipment to be Provided for Category 2 Boats**

As above plus:-

9. (Powered Boats) Two approved fire extinguishers (boats with covered accommodation are normally required to have foam CO2 or dry powder extinguishers).
10. Buoyant heaving line at least 30 meters in length with MCA approved rescue quoit.
11. Boat hook.
12. Klaxon, foghorn, or other approved noise signal.
13. A sufficient first aid kit.
14. Navigation lights in accordance with current Merchant Shipping Regulations.
15. Approved orange smoke floats (two).
16. Suitable tool kit.
17. One water resistant torch.
18. VHF or mobile phone (the local navigation authority should be consulted in order to establish the most effective form of communication, whether VHF or other means. Emergency procedures for establishing contact in an emergency should be prepared. It should be noted that a mobile phone may be sufficient in some areas, but if mobile phone coverage is poor, alternative means should be agreed).