

Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations 2016 Summary for Near Coastal Voyage – Class 2 vessels.

Despite the combined efforts of Government and industry, the number of accidents on fishing vessels remains unacceptably high. The lack of adequate safety equipment, vessel stability, and safety procedures on board fishing vessels continue to pose a serious threat to safety.

3.05 (1) No person shall operate, or permit another person to operate, a fishing vessel in an area for which a freezing spray warning has been issued by Environment Canada unless the stability assessment for the vessel has demonstrated that the vessel has the capability to operate safely in freezing spray conditions when ice accretion is likely to occur.

3.09 No person shall operate, or permit another person to operate, a fishing vessel in environmental conditions or circumstances that could jeopardize the safety of persons on board unless a lifejacket required by this Part, or a personal flotation device that meets the requirements of section 3.2, is worn

3.1 When a fishing vessel is at sea, openings on the vessel that are exposed to the weather and to the sea and that can be closed shall be kept closed... (ie. Hatches need to be locked)

3.13 No person shall start a gasoline-powered fishing vessel unless the engine space blower has been operated for a period of not less than four minutes immediately before the engine is started.

3.16 (1) Safety procedures shall be established in writing,

- **(a)** the location and use of all safety equipment;
- **(b)** all the measures that must be taken to protect persons on board, in particular measures to prevent persons from falling overboard, measures to retrieve persons who have fallen overboard,
- **(d)** all the measures that must be taken to prevent fires and explosions on the vessel;
- **(e)** if the vessel has a deck or deck structure, all the measures that must be taken to maintain watertightness and weathertightness and to prevent flooding
- **(f)** all the measures that must be taken to ensure safe loading, stowage and unloading of fish catches, baits and consumables;

(2) Drills on the safety procedures shall be held to ensure that the crew is at all times proficient in carrying out those procedures.

(3) A record shall be kept of every drill.

All Vessels	<6m	6-9m	9-12m	12-15m	>15m
Marine First Aid Kit (in waterproof case)					
a reboarding device; an apparatus that can be used to retrieve a person who has fallen overboard without the assistance of the person overboard	•				
Reboarding Device and an apparatus to retrieve someone overboard without their help	Buoyed heaving line - 15m	Buoyed 15m heaving line OR buoyed 15m heaving line -with a life ring	Buoyed 15m heaving line AND buoyed 15m heaving line -with a life ring	Buoyed 15m heaving line AND SOLAS lifebuoy with a light or with 30m of line	Buoyed 15m heaving line AND SOLAS lifebuoy with a light AND SOLAS lifebuoy with 30m of line
Flares expire after 4 years	Waterproof Flashlight AND 3 Polytechnic distress signals (not smoke)	Waterproof Flashlight AND 6 Polytechnic distress signals (not smoke but at least 2 are parachute)	Waterproof Flashlight AND 6 Polytechnic distress signals (up to 3 are smoke) AND a signal mirror	Waterproof Flashlight AND 12 Polytechnic distress signals (up to 6 are smoke) AND a signal mirror	Waterproof Flashlight AND 12 Polytechnic distress signals (up to 6 are smoke) AND a signal mirror
Life raft for # of people on board AND EPIRB or EPIRB					

Ship Station Radio AND an emersion suite for each person on board					
	Bailer or manual bilge pump	Bailer or manual bilge pump	Manual bilge pump	Manual bilge pump	Manual bilge pump
An anchor, AND illuminated compass AND a sounding device AND 10L bucket with lanyard					
	1A:5B:C Fire Extinguisher (2 nd one if cooking/heating appliance)	2A:10B:C Fire Extinguisher (2 nd one if cooking/heating appliance) AND 10B:C at engine hatch	2A:10B:C Fire Extinguisher AND one at each entrance to cooking/heating appliance AND 10B:C at engine hatch AND Fire Axe	2A:20B:C Fire Extinguisher AND one at each entrance to cooking/heating appliance AND 20B:C at engine hatch AND Fire Axe AND bucket	2A:20B:C Fire Extinguisher AND one at each entrance to cooking/heating appliance AND 20B:C at engine hatch AND Fire Axe AND 2 buckets

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