

Marine information Bulletin

Safety equipment and registration requirements for tenders to Queensland regulated ships

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Purpose

This Marine Information Bulletin clarifies safety equipment and registration requirements for tenders to Queensland regulated ships.

What is a tender?

A tender is a boat that is not a lifeboat, is 6m or less in length and is smaller than the parent ship.

It can only be used to transport people or provisions between the ship and shore or ship to ship.

Registration

Tenders to Queensland regulated ships are exempt from registration if they are only used within 2 nautical miles (nm) of the parent ship.

Refer to Table 1 for more information.

Safety equipment

A tender that is required to be registered must carry lifejackets and other safety equipment stipulated under the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2016*.

Table 2 is a list of safety equipment to be carried on board the tender.

Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)

All tenders operating between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with navigation lights and a lighting device for signalling to attract attention.

Recommended miscellaneous equipment

It is recommended that all tenders carry the miscellaneous equipment outlined in Table 2 to meet their general safety obligation.

Compliance with the general safety obligation

Operators of all boats including tenders are required to comply with the general safety obligation as per the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994*.

The owner/master of a boat must not operate the boat unless the boat is safe. A boat is safe if it is seaworthy, and is appropriately equipped and crewed for the voyage.

Further information

For further information contact your local Maritime Safety Queensland office:

Airlie Beach	4841 4500
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Cairns	4052 7400
Gladstone	4971 5200
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Other Marine Information Bulletins about the safe operation of boats are on Maritime Safety Queensland's website: www.msq.qld.gov.au

Table 1 – Registration requirements for 6m or less tenders to Queensland regulated ships

Engine Power	Operating radius from parent ship	Requires registration?
less than 3 kW	any distance	NO
3 kW or more	less than 2 nautical miles* (nm) (3.7km)	NO
	2nm (3.7km) or more	YES

*The tender must be marked on the exterior with the word 'tender' and the parent ship registration number, at least 75mm high.

Table 2 – safety and miscellaneous equipment for tenders to Queensland regulated ships

Item	Smooth Waters		Partially smooth waters		Beyond partially smooth waters	
	Requires Registration	Not requiring Registration	Requires Registration	Not requiring Registration	Requires Registration	Not requiring Registration
Lifejacket for each person on board	Required	Recommended	Required	Recommended	Required	Recommended
	At least 'Level 50S (special purpose)'	At least 'Level 50S (special purpose)'	At least 'Level 50'	At least 'Level 50'	At least 'Level 100'	At least 'Level 100'
	Not required when the tender has a positive flotation statement and is operating either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 1km of the parent ship • In a river, creek, stream, or the waters contained within breakwater or revetments and is equipped with grab lines, grab rails, or other permanent means of giving each person on board a way of keeping a secure hold to the tender. 				Not required when the tender has a positive flotation statement and is operating within 500m of the parent ship.	
Signalling device when operating between sunset and sunrise	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
	for example, a torch, lantern, fluorescent light, or cvalume stick					

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	Requires Registration	Not requiring Registration	Requires Registration	Not requiring Registration	Requires Registration	Not requiring Registration
Navigation Lights when operating between sunset and sunrise	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
V Sheet			Required	Recommended	Required	Recommended
Flares (two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares)			Required	Recommended	Required	Recommended
Firefighting Equipment	Required	Recommended	Required	Recommended	Required	Recommended
	A registered tender more than 5m in length must be equipped with firefighting equipment capable of extinguishing a fire quickly and effectively. It is recommended that tenders not requiring registration also carry this equipment					
EPIRB (406 MHz)					Required	Required
Navigation (a compass and a navigation chart)			Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
Anchoring (type and weight of anchor must be appropriate for the conditions)	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
	One anchor with at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18m of cable if less than 5m • 27m of cable if 5m – 6m 		One anchor with at least 27m of cable		One anchor with at least 27m of cable	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a tender less than 5m, the cable can be chain or rope. • For a tender 5m or more, the cable can be a chain or a chain of at least 2m attached to the anchor and a rope. 					
Pumping / bailing equipment	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
	For a tender 5m – 6m, a pump or other bailing equipment with a minimum capacity of 45L per minute.					
Manual propulsion	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
	For tenders less than 6m (for example, oars or paddles)					
Drinking water	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended