

Boats not requiring registration safety equipment

For more information about tenders, please refer to separate fact sheet.



Boats not requiring registration: safety equipment

Item	Smooth waters	Partially smooth waters	Beyond partially smooth waters
Lifejacket for each person on board*	Recommended <i>Level 275, 150, 100, level 50 or level 50 special purpose</i>	Recommended <i>Level 275, 150, 100, or level 50</i>	Recommended <i>Level 275, 150 or 100</i>
Signalling device if operating between sunset and sunrise <i>(torch, lantern, fluorescent light or cyalume stick. Waterproof and buoyant options are best.)</i>	Required	Required	Required
EPIRB (406 MHz)* <i>Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon.</i>			Required
Flares <i>(2 compliant handheld red flares and 2 compliant handheld orange smoke signals)</i>		Recommended	Recommended
Fire fighting equipment <i>(if more than 5m in length. Capable of extinguishing a fire quickly and effectively)</i>	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
V sheet		Recommended	Recommended
Anchoring <i>(type and weight of anchor must be appropriate for the conditions)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <5m one anchor with 18m cable (smooth waters) or 27m cable (beyond smooth waters) • 5-8m one anchor with 27m cable • 8m+ 2 anchors with 37m cable each 	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
Navigation <i>(a compass and a navigation chart)</i>		Recommended	Recommended
Drinking water	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
Pumping or bailing equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <5m suitable bailing equipment • 5-8m Bilge pump 45L/minute capacity • 8m + Bilge pump 70L capacity 	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
Manual propulsion for boats under 6m <i>(oars or paddles)</i>	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended



*Additional Information

Tenders do not require registration if operated within 2 nautical miles (nm) of the primary boat. Tenders that do not require registration are not required to carry safety equipment other than a light for signalling. It is highly recommended that operators equip a tender with safety equipment appropriate to the location of operation

EPIRBs

- Required when operating more than 2 nm from land. Must be registered with AMSA. Registration must be renewed every two years.
- Lightweight craft are permitted to substitute an EPIRB with a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). The PLB must float, be registered with AMSA, be GPS enabled, be worn by the operator, in service and comply with the Australian Standard. Lightweight craft are off the beach type craft, human powered canoe and kayak, small sailing vessels (less than 6m in length) and personal watercraft.
- EPIRBs must have a printed expiry date and be replaced or serviced by the manufacturer (or authorised service agent) by this date; must comply with Australian Standard AS/NZ 4280.1:2003 or later; and must be registered in the name of the owner/master with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

Lifejackets

- Owners/masters must give each person on board information about where the safety equipment is kept.
- There must be one appropriately sized lifejacket for each person on board.

- Skiers and all people being towed must wear an appropriate lifejacket that fits them, or an approved wetsuit with inbuilt flotation. It must be suitable for their activity and where they operate.
 - Smooth water – Level 50, Level 50S or Level 100
 - Partially smooth – Level 50, or Level 100.

Lifejackets - wear them!

Wear a lifejacket:

- when boating alone (or accompanied only by children under 12) in an open boat of less than 4.8m while underway
- between sunset and sunrise while underway in an open boat of less than 4.8m
- when crossing a designated coastal bar in an open boat of any length, or an open area of a boat of any length
- children between 1 and 12 years when in an open boat of any length, or an open area of a boat, while underway.



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