



Washington State Required Equipment for Vessels

State regulations are the same as USCG regulations except where ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS are noted.

EQUIPMENT	LESS THAN 16 FEET	16 FT. TO LESS THAN 26 FT.	26 FT. TO LESS THAN 40 FT.	40 FT. TO LESS THAN 65 FT.
 <p>Personal Flotation Devices</p>	<p>One Type I, II, III, or V per person. Each PFD must be: USCG approved; In good, useable condition; The correct size for user; and Readily accessible.</p>	<p>One Type I, II, III, or V per person, PLUS one Type IV throwable device. Each PFD must be: USCG approved; In good, useable condition; The correct size for user; and Readily accessible.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Manually powered canoes and kayaks of any length are required to meet the requirements for vessels less than 16 feet.</p>		


ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS: Any person towed behind a vessel & all persons on personal watercraft must wear PFD. Child 12 years of age and less must wear PFD on vessels under 19' when underway except when child is in enclosed cabin, on a USCG inspected passenger vessel, or in conditions where no person would reasonably expect a danger of drowning.

Reference: RCW 79A.60.160, .170, and .190; WAC 352-60-030.


 <p>Fire Extinguisher No fixed system</p>	<p>One B-I, any type. Fire extinguishers required on any boat with enclosed fuel or engine spaces, enclosed living spaces, or permanent fuel tanks. All extinguishers must be USCG approved.</p>	<p>One B-II or two B-I.</p>	<p>One B-II and one B-I, or three B-I.</p>
	<p>No portables required.</p>	<p>One B-I.</p>	<p>Two B-I or one B-II.</p>

FOR VESSELS 50 GROSS TONS OR MORE: One to eight B-II extinguishers are required depending on gross tonnage as stated in 46 CFR 25.30-20.

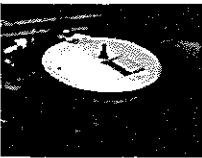
Reference: WAC 352-60-080.

 <p>Visual Distress Signals</p>	<p>Night signals required when operating on coastal waters between sunset and sunrise.</p>	<p>Pyrotechnic devices: A minimum of three, day-use devices, and three, night-use devices, or three day/night combination pyrotechnic devices. Pyrotechnic devices are acceptable through the date on device.</p> <p>Non-pyrotechnic devices: 1 orange flag will meet day requirement and 1 electric distress light will meet night requirement.</p> <p>All visual distress signals must be USCG approved.</p>
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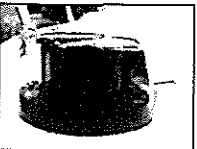
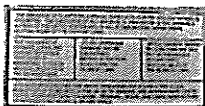


Reference: WAC 352-60-040.

 <p>Sound Producing Device</p>	<p>A horn or whistle is required to signal intentions or position. Under state code and federal regulations, all boats less than 40' (12m) must have on board a means of making an efficient sound (other than the human voice).</p>	<p>A horn or whistle is required to signal intention or position, AND for vessels 40' (12m) to 65' a bell not less than eight inches (200mm) in diameter; AND for vessels over 65' a bell 12" (300mm) in diameter.</p>
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Reference: WAC 352-60-065.

 <p>Backfire Flame Arrestor</p>	<p>One approved arrestor on each carburetor for all gasoline-powered engines built after April 1940, except outboards. Arrestor should be kept clean to prevent the spread of backfire flames and must be tightly connected to the carburetor to prevent backfire flames from blowing past the connection. Approval may be USCG or as provided for in WAC 352-60-090.</p>
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EQUIPMENT		LESS THAN 16 FEET	16 FT. TO LESS THAN 26 FT.	26 FT. TO LESS THAN 40 FT.	40 FT. TO LESS THAN 65 FT.
	Ventilation	Powered ventilation system required on gasoline powered vessels built after August 1, 1980 with enclosed engine spaces. Vessels built earlier must have a natural or a powered ventilation system in the fuel tank compartment.			
Reference: WAC 352-60-050.					
	Navigation Lights	When underway, sidelights masthead and stern light. Vessels less than 39.4' (12 meters) may exhibit an all-round white light in lieu of separate masthead and stern lights. Vessels less than 23' (7 meters) whose maximum speed doesn't exceed 7 knots (about 8 miles per hour) may instead show an all-round light and, if practicable, sidelights. Includes sailboats when under mechanical power.			
	Power-driven Vessel				
	Sailing vessel	When underway, sidelights and stern light. If less than 65.6' (20 meters) these lights can be combined into one lantern to be carried at or near the top of the mast. A sailing vessel under 23' may substitute a white lantern or flashlight which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent a collision. Does not include sailing vessels under mechanical power.			
	Rowing vessel	A vessel under oars may exhibit the lights for a sailing vessel or have at ready a white lantern or flashlight which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent a collision.			
	Vessel at anchor	All around white light visible for 2 nautical miles (nm) at night unless in a chart-designated anchorage.			
Visibility range	1 nautical miles (nm) for sidelights, 2 nm for all others.			3 nm for masthead, 2 nm for all others.	
Reference: WAC 352-60-060; one nautical mile equal to 6,076 feet.					
	Pollution Regulations	"Honor system", no plaques required.		A 5" X 8" <i>Oil Discharge</i> placard and 4" X 9" <i>MARPOL Trash</i> placard must be posted in a conspicuous location. Vessels 40' or more with a galley must have a <i>Waste Management Plan</i> .	
Reference: 33 C.F.R. 151.57, 151.59, and 155.45 (USCG regulations only; no state requirement in effect).					
	Marine Sanitation Devices	Vessels with an installed toilet must have an operable USCG certified Type I, II, or III Marine Sanitation-Device (MSD). Any "Y" valve for discharge overboard must be located or affixed in such a manner to prevent accidental discharge of untreated waste into water.			
VESSELS 65 FEET OR LONGER: Type II or III MSD only.					
Reference: 33 C.F.R. 159 (USCG regulations only; no state requirement in effect).					
	Navigation Rules	Familiarity with the rules is recommended but not required. Boat operators should know the "Rules of the Road" and sound signals for crossing situations, overtaking situations, and meeting vessels head-on.		Vessels 12m (39.4') in length or more are required to have a current copy of the USCG <i>International - Inland Navigation Rules</i> on board.	
Reference: WAC 352-60-066, WAC 352-60-070, and 33 C.F.R. 88.05.					
Muffler	RCW 79A.60.130 - Muffler must be effective, in good working order, and in constant use.				
Water Skiing	RCW 79A.60.170, WAC 352-60-120 - Any skier must wear a USCG approved PFD. Observer who is physically capable and mentally competent must be on board tow vessel. Local regs can be more restrictive. A 12" x 12" red or orange flag on a 24" pole must be displayed while skier is in water.				
Overloaded/Over powered	RCW 79A.60.180 - Vessel shall not be loaded with passengers or cargo beyond safe carrying ability, or carry passengers or cargo in an unsafe manner considering weather and operating conditions. Vessel shall not be operated with a motor beyond vessels ability to operate safely.				