

# **Boat Equipment Required & Recommended**

## **Boat Safety Equipment**

### **Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)**

One approved Type I, II, or III for each person on board, in addition, one throwable Type IV device

Must be USCG approved. Must be in serviceable condition. Must be properly stored.

### **Fire Extinguisher**

One USCG-approved B-1 type fire extinguisher. If your boat has a built-in fuel tank, an inboard engine, compartments where portable fuel tanks may be stored or open areas between the hull and deck where flammable or explosive gases could accumulate, you must carry a fire extinguisher. The fire extinguisher must be USCG approved and must be in serviceable condition.

### **Sound Producing Device (bell, horn, whistle, etc.)**

Every vessel less than 12 meters (39.4 ft) in length must carry an efficient sound producing device. The sound-producing device need not meet any particular specifications as long as it is loud enough to be heard.

### **Vessel Lighting**

Recreational vessels are required to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and during periods of reduced visibility (fog, rain, haze, etc).

### **Other Equipment:**

- An anchor and a sufficient amount of anchor line.
- A de-watering device, such as a bilge pump in the event of flooding.
- An oar, paddle or other alternative means of propulsion in case your engine fails.
- Motor oil for outboards in case you run low while on the water.
- Towrope incase of engine failure.
- First aid kit.
- Cell phone for emergency.
- Tool kit, electrical tape, pliers, screwdriver, wire cutter, etc. for minor repairs.

## **Fishing Boat Equipment**

- Trolling motor with enough power to effectively move your boat in windy conditions. The higher the thrust the better. Most likely 55 to 80 LB thrust.
- Sonar unit with GPS, possibly two. One for the trolling motor and one for dashboard. Color units give the best detail.
- Navionics lake map chip for sonar unit, need this for the GPS to show lake details.
- On board battery charger, 2 or 3 bank depending on how many batteries you have. This will get your batteries charged and they help extend battery life through proper charging.
- Fishing net with a handle long enough for your boat size.
- Rod saver mounts to securely hold your rods when you are running.
- Removable rail rod holders for trolling if you desire to troll.
- Bump board ruler to measure fish length.
- Long nose pliers for hook removal.
- Polarized sunglasses.
- Head lamp for early morning or night fishing.
- Detailed water proof Lake Map.
- Live well, bucket or cooler to hold fish you want to keep for eating.