

# FISHING VESSEL - LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

## FISHING VESSEL SIZE:

# Not more than 6 meters (19'8") (Hull length)

Category	Sheltered Waters	Near Coastal Class 2 (less than 25 nm from shore)
<b>Lif jackets and Personal Life Saving Appliances</b> (For each person on board)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Approved lifejacket minimum type Class 2; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• 1 Approved small vessel lifejacket; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• 1 Approved PFD *</li> </ul> <p><i>*to be worn at all times</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Approved lifejacket minimum type Class 2; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• 1 Approved small vessel lifejacket; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• 1 Approved PFD (100 N)*; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• 1 Approved PFD designed to provide thermal protection*</li> </ul> <p><i>*to be worn at all times</i></p>
<b>Life Saving Appliances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 or more Life Rafts or Recovery Boats for 100% of persons on board; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• The following equipment: 1 EPIRB or 2-way Radio; <b>AND</b> An Immersion Suit or Anti-Exposure Work Suit of appropriate size for each person on board, <b>OR</b> Life saving appliances or written procedures (or both) for protection from the effects of hypothermia or cold shock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following equipment: 1 or more Life Rafts or a combination of Life Rafts and Recovery Boats for 100% of persons on board; <b>AND</b> 1 Float-free or manually activated EPIRB or a 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) or a hand-held VHF with DSC; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• The following equipment: 1 Float-free or manually activated EPIRB; <b>AND</b> An Immersion Suit or Anti-Exposure Work Suit of appropriate size for each person on board</li> </ul>
<b>Person Overboard Retrieval Devices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Buoyant heaving line of not less than 15 m in length; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• 1 Reboarding device; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• 1 Person overboard retrieval apparatus* <b>OR</b> Vessel carries a recovery boat</li> </ul> <p><i>*not required if only one person on board</i></p>	
<b>Visual Signals</b> <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Watertight flashlight; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• 3 Pyrotechnic distress signals, other than smoke signals</li> </ul>	
<b>Fire Fighting Equipment</b> <sup>2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Portable fire extinguisher of type 1A:5B:C; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• 1 Portable fire extinguisher of type 1A:5B:C, if equipped with fuel-burning appliances</li> </ul>	
<b>Additional Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Bailer OR Manual Bilge Pump; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• A Manual Propelling Device (Oars, Paddle, etc.); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• A Magnetic Compass (fitted or hand-held), capable of being illuminated; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• A means of determining the depth of water under the vessel; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• A Sound Signalling Device; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• An Anchor and anchoring equipment that is arranged such that it can be deployed and retrieved effectively</li> </ul>	
<b>First Aid Kit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine emergency first aid kit as per Section 3.24 of the FVSR; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• First aid kit that meets <i>Maritime Occupational Health and Safety Regulations</i>; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• First aid kit that meets provincial workplace safety regulations with face shield and two pairs of gloves.</li> </ul>	

1. A fishing vessel is not required to carry on board pyrotechnic distress signals if the vessel is equipped with a two-way radio system and is operated exclusively in the confines of a manned aquaculture facility OR within 500 m from shore OR operates on a river, canal or lake where it is never more than one nautical mile from shore.

2. See the equivalent classification of portable fire extinguishers that meet these carriage requirements.

Requirements	Dry Chemical ABC	Dry Chemical BC	Carbon Dioxide
1A:5B:C	1.5 Kg 3 Lbs		
2A:10B:C	2.25 Kg 5 Lbs		
2A:20B:C	4.5 Kg 10 Lbs		
5B:C	1.5 Kg 3 Lbs	1.5 Kg 3 Lbs	2.25 Kg 5 Lbs
10B:C	2.25 Kg 5 Lbs	2.25 Kg 5 Lbs	4.5 Kg 10 Lbs
20B:C	4.5 Kg 10 Lbs	4.5 Kg 10 Lbs	9 Kg 20 Lbs

This list is being provided as a Quick Reference Guide based on information contained in the Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations (in force July 13, 2017) and the Navigation Safety Regulations 2020 (in force October 28, 2020). This list is not intended to be all inclusive or referencing all Sections of these Regulations. Owners and Operators of fishing vessels should consult with their local Transport Canada Marine Safety and Security office or the Transport Canada website for further information.