

ALASKA REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

Requirements	Boats under 16 feet	Boats 16 feet to less than 26 feet	Boats 26 feet to less than 40 feet	Boats 40 feet to less than 65 feet
Life Jackets	One U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board. Must be in serviceable condition, approved for the activity, and worn in accordance with the label and owner's manual. Persons under 13 must wear a life jacket when in an open boat, on the deck of a boat, or when being towed (i.e. tubing, waterskiing).			
Throwable Devices	Recommended but not mandatory.	Except for canoes and kayaks, one U.S. Coast Guard approved throwable device (i.e. seat cushion or throw ring).		
Sound Producing Devices	Boats less than 39.4 feet (12 meters) in length must be able to make an efficient sound signal (such as that made with a whistle or horn) to signal intentions and to signal position in periods of reduced visibility.			Boats 39.4 feet (12 meters) or more in length, a whistle or horn.
Visual Distress Signals	Night signals meeting federal requirements (33 CFR 175.110) between sunset and sunrise.	Signals meeting federal requirements (33 CFR 175.110) for both day and night-time use. Exception: boats and open sailboats not equipped with mechanical propulsion and under 26 feet in length are <u>not</u> required to carry day signals. <i>Note: Pyrotechnic devices, if used to meet this requirement, must be current, serviceable and readily accessible. At the minimum, a total of three day/night combination devices or three day and three night devices must be carried.</i>		
Fire Extinguishers	At least one U.S. Coast Guard approved B-I required for boats with inboard engines, living spaces, permanent fuel tanks or enclosed storage areas or hull voids not sealed or filled with flotation material.		At least two B-I or one B-II U.S. Coast Guard approved fire extinguishers.	At least three B-I or one B-I and one B-II U.S. Coast Guard approved fire extinguishers.
Navigation Lights	Display required between sunset and sunrise and when visibility is restricted. International configuration required (varies with length and mode of operation). See the International Navigation Rules.			
Backfire Flame Arrestors	One U.S. Coast Guard approved backfire control device on each carburetor of all inboard gasoline engines.			
Ventilation	Boats with permanently installed engines, closed compartments, or permanent fuel tanks must have efficient natural or mechanical ventilation.			
Registration	A boat placed on state waters that is equipped with mechanical propulsion (gas, diesel, or steam engines, and electric motors) and any vessel used in sport fishing charter activities must be registered and numbered with the Division of Motor Vehicles (AS 05.25.53). Certificate of Number must be carried onboard. Registration numbers and validation decals must be properly displayed on hull of boat.			

RESCUE READY



Always wear a life jacket when in an open boat or on an open deck.



Carry emergency communication and distress signaling devices on your person.



Attach the engine cut-off device when underway.



Equip the boat with at least one means of reboarding.



File a float plan and find more information at PledgeToLive.com.

For classes, presentations, and educational resources visit AlaskaBoatingSafety.org.

