

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Item	Enclosed waters	Open waters
	Quantity	Quantity
<b>Lifejacket</b> Level 100 or greater		1/person*
<b>Lifejacket</b> Level 50S or greater	1 / person*	
<b>Anchor and chain/line</b> to suit vessel	1	1
<b>Bailer/bucket/fire bucket</b> with lanyard	1	1
<b>Bilge pump</b> Manual or power operated	1*	1*
<b>Compass</b> fluid filled magnetic		1
<b>Distress flare</b> orange smoke hand-held, in date		2
<b>Distress flare</b> red hand-held, in date		2
<b>Fire extinguisher</b>	1*	1*
<b>Map/chart</b> for area of operation		1
<b>Paddles or oars and rowlocks</b> certain vessels <6m	1	1
<b>Safety label</b> appropriate to vessel type	1	1
<b>Sound signal</b> air horn/whistle/bell	1	1
<b>V sheet</b> dimensions 1.8 x 1.2 m minimum		1
<b>Water</b> suitable for drinking		2L per person
<b>Waterproof torch</b> floating and operational	1	1
<b>EPIRB</b>		1
<b>Marine radio</b> if 2 nautical miles or more offshore		

\* more than one may be required  
www.rms.nsw.gov.au for more information

## SAFE BOATING TIPS

- Plan your trip – check equipment, weather and vessel
- Tell somebody where you are planning on boating and when you are expecting to return
- Don't drink and drive – less than .05 for recreational vessel operators aged 18 years and over and a person supervising a child operator of a powered vessel
- Keep a proper lookout at all times
- Only carry as many people as are permitted on your boat – and make sure there are enough appropriately sized lifejackets for each person on board
- There are mandatory pieces of safety equipment you need on your vessel –make sure you know what they are and always carry every item
- Adhere to speed limits and other navigational signage
- Wear your lifejacket when boating in poor weather conditions, when crossing a coastal bar, if a squall or storm approaches, or when boating alone away from immediate help
- Know your limitations and the capabilities of your vessel –and stick to them.

## Marine Area Command



NSW Police Force

## ROCK FISHING TIPS

If you want to rock fish, minimise the risks:

- Always wear a life jacket
- Stay alert to the weather conditions
- Plan an escape route in case you are washed in
- Never turn your back on the ocean
- Wear appropriate non-slip footwear and light clothing
- Do not jump in if someone is washed into the water - call 000 or go and get help
- Never fish alone.

## PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

When driving a personal watercraft:

- Be PWC licensed
- Wear a lifejacket (type 1 or 2 offshore, 1, 2 or 3 on enclosed waters)
- Observe PWC exclusion and restriction zones (no irregular driving within 200m of shore)
- Keep your distance (stay under 10 knots when 60m from people, canoes/kayaks, surf or swimming zones and 30m from other vessels, objects, structures or shore)
- Obey speed restrictions
- Driving a PWC between sunset and sunrise is prohibited.

## TIPS

### TO PREVENT THE THEFT OF YOUR VESSEL OR PROPERTY

There are some basic steps we can all take to protect our property from theft.

- Record all details of your boat and equipment (including serial numbers) and keep this list in a safe place
- Engrave any valuable items – you can use your driver's licence number
- Mark your dinghy with an identifying feature, such as your driver's licence number
- Fit an anti theft device to your trailer
- Fit a quality lock to your boat
- Remove valuable items from your boat when you leave it unattended. If you have to leave valuables on board, ensure they are out of sight
- If you are leaving your vehicle parked on shore while you go boating, please make certain that you leave NO valuables behind and that you secure your vehicle properly
- Consider fitting a quality alarm to your boat.



## WHAT TO DO

### IF YOUR VESSEL HAS BEEN STOLEN

Contact the Police Assistance Line (131444) to make a stolen report. In an emergency call Triple Zero (000).

#### When your boat is recovered:

DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING UNTIL A POLICE OFFICER GIVES YOU THE ALL CLEAR (UNLESS IT'S ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL).

If the surfaces on your vessel are suitable for printing, and a Scene of Crime Officer (SOCO) is available, they will attend to 'dust' for prints. The dust they use shows any latent prints, ie: prints that the naked eye cannot see.

Once they find a print, it is photographed and compared to prints that are on the NSW Police system.

The SOCO will come to where you are, so if possible please leave the boat where it is. You will be contacted by the specially trained officer as soon as practicable to arrange a time for finger printing.

ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE GO AHEAD BY A POLICE OFFICER TO CLEAN THE BOAT, THE DUST WILL BE EASILY WASHED OFF.



## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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**POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE**  
**TRIPLE ZERO (000)** In an emergency

**MARINE AREA COMMAND**  
**1800 658 784**

24hr toll free number to report any marine related crime or information (this can be anonymous)

#### CRIME STOPPERS

1800 333 000  
Report criminal activity anonymously

#### POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE (131444)

For non emergencies

#### DISTRESS AND CALLING CHANNEL

Channel 16 VHF

**ALWAYS CHECK WEATHER WARNINGS, CONDITIONS AND TIDES**

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