

SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

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

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

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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
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is an offence. Random breath testing (RBT) and random drug testing (RDT) can be conducted on the operator of a vessel while it is underway, including drifting. Permissible concentration of alcohol limits are: 0.00 for all vessel operators under 18 years, less than 0.02 for commercial vessel operators over 18 years and less than 0.05 for recreational vessel operators over 18 years
- 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
- Be aware of lifejacket requirements and ensure you wear the correct approved type for your vessel or water activity. An approved lifejacket must be carried for each person on board most vessels. It must be the correct size, in good condition and if an inflatable lifejacket, properly serviced. Children under 12 must wear a lifejacket at all times on boats under 4.8m or when in open areas of underway vessels under 8m
- Know your limitations and the capabilities of your vessel – and stick to them
- Boat operators, or skippers, are responsible for the safety of their vessel and the people on board



Marine Area Command



ROCK FISHING TIPS

If you want to rock fish, minimise the risks:

- Always wear an approved lifejacket
- 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 an approved lifejacket that complies with standards – level 50S or greater at all times. Inflatable lifejackets are not recommended to be worn on PWC's
- When driving a PWC (including when towing a person/s) you must keep a minimum distance of: 60m from people in water and dive flags on water surface or if that is not possible, a safe distance and speed. 200m from vessels and people in water when tow-in surfing
- Obey speed restrictions
- Driving a PWC between sunset and sunrise is prohibited
- PWC behaviour label must be affixed and clearly visible from steering position
- Observe irregular riding restrictions and exclusion zones. Irregular driving is prohibited within 200m of the shoreline

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 fingerprinting, a Scene of Crime Officer (SOCO) may attend and assess for possible fingerprints

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



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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

**MARINE AREA COMMAND
9320 7499**

**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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