

Small Vessel Regulations Pleasure Craft

		0 - 6 m 0 - 19' 8"	6 - 8 m 19' 8" - 26' 3"	8 - 12m 26' 3" - 39' 4"	12 - 20m 39' 4" - 65' 7"	20m + 65' 7"+	Fine \$
Approved floatation device of appropriate size and type for each person on board ⑦							200
Fire Extinguisher ①	5BC	5BC	10BC	10BC	10BC		200
Watertight flashlight OR pyrotechnic distress signals ②	3 A, B, or C						100
Meets pyrotechnic signal requirements AND watertight flashlight ②		6 A, B, or C	12 A, B, C, or D not more than 6 type D				100
Sound signalling device OR appliance							100
Sound signalling device as per Collision Regs				Whistle	Whistle and Bell		100
Buoyant heaving line not less than 15 meters					30m		100
Approved lifebuoy attached to not less than 15 m of buoyant line ③			610 or 762 mm			2 x 762 mm 30m line	100
Manual propelling device OR anchor with 15 m of buoyant line							100
Anchor with rope, cable or chain			30 m	50 m	50 m		100
Reboarding device			if freeboard is greater than 0.5 m			④	100
Bailer OR manual water pump fitted with sufficient hose	B see over						100
Bailer AND manual water pump fitted with sufficient hose							100
Bilge pumping arrangements						⑤	100
Navigation Lights ⑧	⑥	⑥					100 ColRegs
Axe					1	2	100
Buckets of 10 litre capacity					2	4	100

Licence OR Registration (License number properly displayed)	Pleasure craft less than 15 T, engine greater than 10hp	100
Operator Competency Requirements	Power driven craft	250
Compliance Plate (see reverse)	All Pleasure Craft capable of being fitted with an engine	100
Hull Identification number	All Pleasure Craft imported or built after Aug 1 1981	100
Flame Arrestor (gasoline engines)	If enclosed or installed below deck	100
Muffler (Vessels built after Jan 1 1960)	W within five miles of shore	100
Precautions against fire	Installations of naphtha/gaseous fuel appliances must not allow trapping of gas below deck	100
Exhaust fan (inboard gasoline engines only)	Must run fan for at least 4 minutes prior to start up	100
Radar Reflector	Regulated by Collision Regulations	N/A

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①	Less than 6 meters - required only if equipped with inboard engine, fixed fuel tanks or a fuel burning appliance 6m to 8m - requires one fire extinguisher if power driven plus another if equipped with a fuel burning appliance Over 12 meters - requires a fire extinguisher at each access to any space equipped with a fuel burning appliance and at each entrance to any accommodation and engine room space
②	Pyrotechnic distress signals not required if pleasure craft operating in a river, canal or lake in which it can at no time be more than one mile from shore.
③	Pleasure craft over 12 m - One lifebuoy must be equipped with a self igniting light.
④	Pleasure craft over 20 m requires a lifting harness and rigging.
⑤	Requires power driven fire pump located outside the machinery space with adequate nozzle and hose.
⑥	Navigation lights not required on vessels less than 8 m if the vessel does not operate at night or in periods of reduced visibility. Unpowered vessels under 7 m may use a watertight flashlight to meet the requirements for navigation lights.
⑦	Must be of inherently buoyant type for use on PWC, or in white water paddling or if under 16 years of age or 36.3 Kg. For a child under 9 Kg, or an adult with a chest measurement over 140 cm, the PFD need not fit
⑧	Pleasure Craft under 20 m - fines under the Contravention Regulations are for failure to display lights and shapes Pleasure Craft over 20 m - No fine provided under the Contravention Regulations

Special Categories Under 6 meters

	PWC	Sailing Vessels	Sailboards	Paddle Boats & water cycles	Canoes, Kayaks, Racing Shells and Row Boats	Fine (\$)
Approved flotation device of appropriate size and type for each person on board (if inflatable must be worn) ⑦					D	200
5 BC Fire Extinguisher	A	C				200
Watertight Flashlight OR 3 pyrotechnic distress signals of type A, B or C. ②			A	A		100
Sound Signalling Device OR appliance						100
Buoyant heaving line not less than 15 meters			A	A	D	100
Manual propelling device OR anchor with 15 m rope, cable or chain	A		A	A	D	100
Bailer OR manual water pump fitted with sufficient hose	A	B			D	100
Watertight flashlight OR Navigation Lights (if installed must be operational)						100

- A Not Required if all POB are wearing approved PFD's
- B Not Required for any self bailing, sealed hull s/v with a small sealed cockpit, or a multi hull pontoon vessel
- C Not Required if there is no fuel burning appliance on board
- D Not Required if engaged in training or competition and accompanied by safety boat carrying PFD for each person on board, **the largest boat attending**, or if each person on board is wearing a PFD

Capacity Plate (power driven Pleasure Craft under 6m)	Manufactured vessels - serially produced
Single vessel Plate (power driven Pleasure Craft)	Home built vessels - not serially produced
Conformity Plate (power driven Pleasure Craft over 6m)	Manufactured vessels - serially produced



BOATING SAFETY NOTICE

The Contraventions Act in British Columbia

The *Contraventions Act* is a federal statute that establishes a simplified procedure for prosecuting certain federal offences. The Act provides that an enforcement officer may prosecute an offender by issuing a violation ticket (similar to a provincial traffic ticket) instead of requiring them to attend a mandatory court appearance.

Almost 300 federal offences relating to pleasure craft are designated as ticketable offences under the *Contraventions Act*. These offences can be found in the *Small Vessel Regulations*, *Collision Regulations*, *Boating Restriction Regulations*, *Private Buoy Regulations*, *Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations*, and the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*. Fines for typical boating offences range from \$100.⁽¹⁾ to \$250.⁽²⁾

In June 2004 the governments of Canada and British Columbia signed an agreement to implement the *Contraventions Act* in British Columbia. The agreement is expected to come into force in the Spring of 2005.

By allowing enforcement officers to issue tickets to offenders under a provincial ticketing scheme the *Contraventions Act* gives them a simpler tool for enforcing the law; offenders are treated in a manner that is more appropriate to the seriousness of the violation, and the time of the courts is saved for more serious prosecutions.

Implementation of the *Contraventions Act* will give enforcement agencies in British Columbia the same tools that are available to enforcement officers in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Anecdotal evidence indicates that in the six provinces where the *Contraventions Act* has been implemented there has been a substantial improvement overall in the level of compliance and consequently, boater safety.

Some typical boating offences:

▪ operating a power-driven vessel without a muffler	\$100
▪ fail to carry personal flotation devices, lifejackets or other safety equipment	\$200
▪ operating a vessel in a careless manner, without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons	\$100
▪ failure to operate gasoline engine blower for a period not less than 4 minutes	\$100
▪ fuelling-- knowingly allow leakage of fuel within or from a small vessel	\$100
▪ operating a power-driven pleasure craft less than 4 meters without a Pleasure Craft Operator Card or equivalent	\$250
▪ allowing a person under 16 years of age to operate a personal watercraft	\$250
▪ speeding	\$100

For more information on federal Contraventions and their applicable fines, check on-line at <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/index.html>.

From the list of "Frequently Accessed Statutes", click on "Contraventions Act". Scroll down to "Related Regulations" and click on "Contraventions Regulations."



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