

# 2008 Boater Safety Check List

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Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

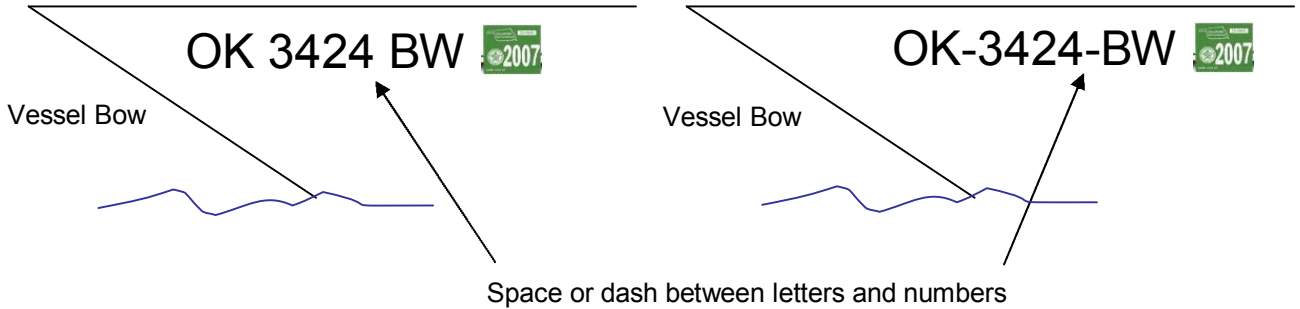
Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_


Date Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_



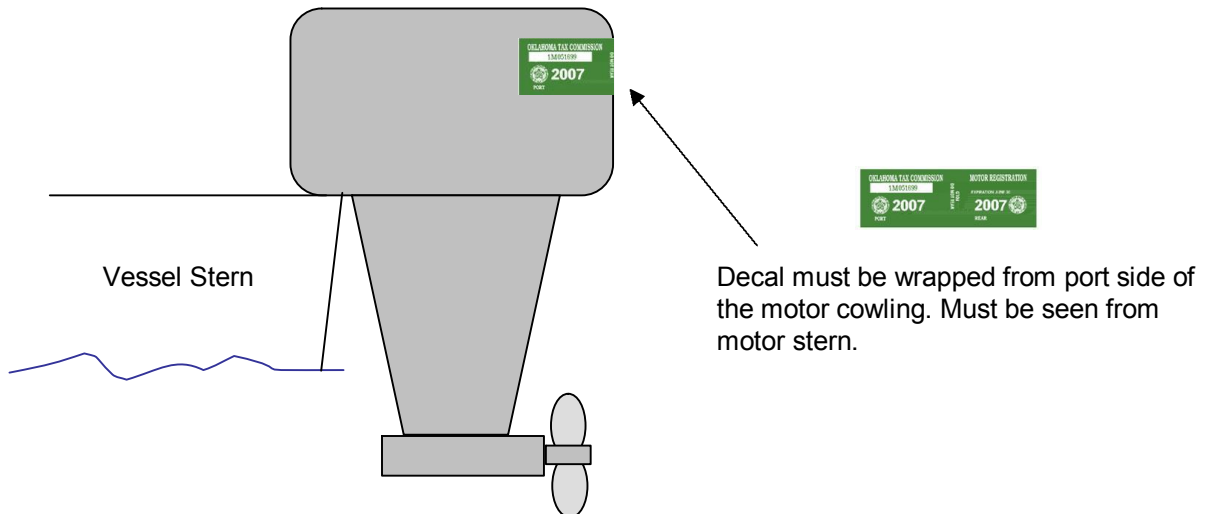
Registration certificate must be on board.

Proper display of registration numbers and validation decals.



1. Registration numbers must be painted or decaled on both sides of the vessels bow.
2. You must be able to read the registration numbers from left to right.
3. Registration numbers must be at least three inches high and in block format.
4. Registration number colors must contrast with the vessel color.
5. No other numbers may be displayed on either side of the bow.
6. The Registration Validation decal, , must be to the stern and in line of the registration numbers.

Proper outboard motor registration decals, for motors over 10 HP.





Proper Personal Floatation Devices, PFDs, must be on board.

1. All vessels must carry one wearable Type I, Type II, Type III, or Type V PFD for each person on board.
2. All PFDs must be U.S. Coast Guard approved.
3. Vessels 16 ft and longer must also have one Type IV, throwable PFD, on board and readily accessible.
4. All children under the age of 13 must wear a PFD when underway in vessels less than 26ft.
5. Anyone being towed must wear a PFD.
6. All PFDs must be in good condition, readily accessible, and the proper size for the persons on board.



Proper fire extinguishers on board, located correctly, and in good condition.

1. All vessels using a flammable liquid as fuel must have Type "B" fire extinguishers on board.
2. All fire extinguishers must be "Marine Type USCG Approved" marked on the label.
3. Extinguishers must be secured and readily accessible.
4. Extinguishers must be in working order.
5. Any vessel with a fixed extinguisher system must have a record of yearly service on board.
6. All extinguishers on board must comply with the Types and quantities for the vessel length.

### Fire Extinguisher Requirements

| Classification<br>type & size | Foam<br>minimum gallons              | Carbon Dioxide<br>minimum pounds | Dry Chemical<br>minimum pounds |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| B-I                           | 1 1/4                                | 4                                | 2                              |
| B-II                          | 2 1/2                                | 15                               | 10                             |
| <b>Length Class</b>           | <b>Without<br/>Fixed System</b>      |                                  | <b>With<br/>Fixed System*</b>  |
| Less than 26 ft.              | One B-I                              |                                  | None                           |
| 26 ft. to less than 40 ft.    | Two B-I or One B-II                  |                                  | One B-I                        |
| 40 ft. to less than 65 ft.    | Three B-I or<br>One B-II and One B-I |                                  | Two B-I or<br>One B-II         |

*\* refers to a permanently installed fire extinguisher system*



Backfire flame arrestor on inboards and stern drive vessels.



## Proper ventilation system.

1. All gas powered vessels constructed such that fuel fumes may be trapped within the hull must have two ventilation ducts.
2. Powered ventilation systems must be turned on four minutes prior to starting the engine.



## Proper muffler system.

1. All vessel engines must have factory installed muffler systems.
2. Adjustments to the muffler system are prohibited.
  1. Using cutouts
  2. Removal of mufflers or baffles
  3. Cutting holes in mufflers or baffles
  4. Modifications that increase the noise level



## Proper audible sound producing devices.

1. All vessels less than 26 feet are required to have a whistle or horn on board.
2. All vessels greater than 26 feet are required to have a bell on board in addition to a whistle or horn.
3. No vessel may be equipped with a siren other than law enforcement.
4. The use of sound producing devices is prohibited within harbor limits and congested areas.



Horn



Whistle



Bell

### Some sound signals that you should be familiar with are:

#### Restricted Visibility ( Heavy Fog )

- One prolonged blast every two minutes is the signal used by powerboats when underway.
- One prolonged plus two short blasts every two minutes is the signal used by sailboats under sail alone.

#### Warning

- One prolonged blast is a warning signal (for example, when coming around a blind bend or exiting a slip).
- Five short blasts are used to signal danger or to signal that you do not understand or disagree with the other boater's intentions.



## Proper visual distress signals.

1. All vessels on federally controlled waters must be equipped with visual distress signals, VDSs, that are U.S Coast Guard approved.
2. All visual distress signals must be in working order and readily accessible.
3. All vessels are required to carry night signals.
4. Vessels must also carry daylight VDSs with the following exceptions:
  1. Recreational vessels less than 16 feet in length.
  2. Open sailboats less than 26 feet in length.
  3. Manually propelled vessels.



Flare, approved for day and night signal, MINIMUM of THREE



Light, approved for nighttime signal



Flag, approved for daytime signal

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## Proper navigation lights.

1. All power driven vessels when underway and less than 65 feet in length must have:
  1. Red and green bow sidelights visible from a distance of at a minimum of two miles.
  2. Lights on vessels less than 39.4 feet in length must be visible at a minimum of one mile.
  3. An all around white light and/or a mast head and stern light visible from a minimum of two miles.
  4. The white lights must be a minimum of 3.3 feet higher than the bow sidelights.
2. All un-powered vessels when underway that are less than 65.6 feet in length, sailboats and human powered craft, must have:
  1. Red and green bow sidelights visible from a distance of at a minimum of two miles.
  2. Lights on vessels less than 39.4 feet in length must be visible at a minimum of one mile.
  3. A white stern light visible from a minimum of two miles, one mile if less than 39.4 feet in length.
  4. All vessels less than 23 feet in length should have, if practical, the same navigation lights as vessels less than 65.6 feet.
  5. All vessels less than 23 feet in length must have as a minimum one lantern or flashlight shining a white light on the sail or in the sky.
3. All vessels not underway must display a white, anchor light visible in all directions when outside a designated docking or mooring area.

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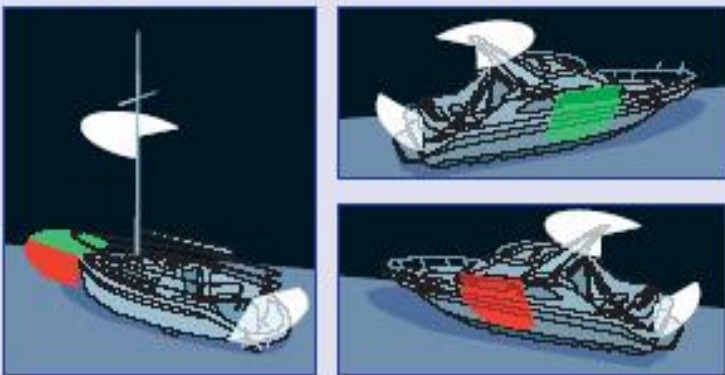


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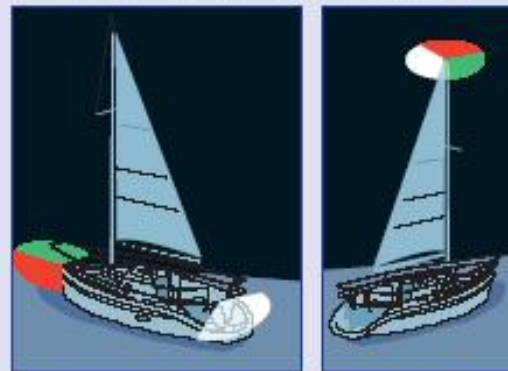
### 1. Power-Driven Boats Less Than 65.6 Ft.



*Combination red and green lights allowed only on boats less than 39.4 ft.*



### 2. Unpowered Boats Less Than 65.6 Ft.



*An alternative to the sidelights and sternlight is a combination red, green and white light, which must be exhibited near the top of the mast.*

### 3. Unpowered Boats Less Than 23.0 Ft.



*Boat operators should never leave shore without a flashlight. Even if you plan to return before dark, unforeseen developments might delay your return past nightfall.*

