

This equipment list is for your guidance. For full details refer to the National Standard for Commercial Vessels.

Items required	Vessels affected				
Life rafts and rescue boats					
Inflatable coastal life rafts 100%					
(Note : Coastal life rafts may be replaced by open reversible inflatable life rafts for 2C operations where a risk assessment has determined that the safety of crew and passengers would not be adversely affected. See NSCV Part C subsection 7A 5.4.1, which lists those factors which should be taken into account when conducting a risk assessment).	<25m, unless <15m and level flotation has been fitted as per NSCV Part C Section 6B				
Survival craft and rescue boats	≥ 25m as required by sections 33 to 35 of Marine Order 25 (Equipment — lifesaving)				
Anti-exposure suit of appropriate size 100% rescue boat crew	≥25m and continuously engaged on voyages in operational areas with a monthly mean water temperature of 15°C or less				
Lifebuoys Light and smoke signals are to be self-activating and ea	ch lifebuoy assumed to support 2 persons				
8 minimum—2 with lights and smoke signals, 2 with lights and 2 with buoyant lines	≥60m				
6 minimum—2 with lights and smoke signals, 1 with light and 2 with buoyant lines	≥45m <60m				
4 minimum—2 with lights and smoke signals and 2 with buoyant lines	≥25m <45m				
2 minimum—1 with light and 1 with buoyant line	≥15m <25m				
1 minimum with light	<15m, unless <10m and carries 1 person only, or <6m and level flotation has been fitted as per NSCV Part C Section 6B				
Lifejackets Lifejacket light to be self-activating					
Coastal-lifejacket with a light 100%	All				
Distress signals					
406MHz EPIRB—until 1 January 2021	>2nm from land must carry a class 2 or class 3 EPIRB				
406MHz EPIRB—from 1 January 2021	≥12 m long and >2nm from land must carry a class 2 EPIRB fitted in a category 1 bracket				
	<12 m long and >2nm from land that do not meet the level flotation criteria mentioned in NSCV Section 6 - must carry a class 2 EPIRB, fitted in a category 1 bracket or				
(Note : this is in addition to any EPIRB carried as part of a life raft or survival craft.)	All other 2C vessels <12 m long and >2nm from land must carry either a class 2 EPIRB or a class 3 EPIRB.				
3 parachute distress rockets	All				
2 red hand-held flares	All				
1 hand-held orange smoke signal	All				
Onboard communications and alarm systems					
General emergency alarm system	≥25m				



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Emergency electrical installation and equipment				
Self-contained source of electrical power, either a dedicated battery or diesel generator, to provide emergency power to all key systems for 3hrs (See NSCV Part C Section 5B)	All			
Temporary emergency power battery (See NSCV Part C Section 5B)	≥25m carrying berthed passengers, except where the emergency generator starts and comes on load automatically			
Emergency lighting (See NSCV Part C Section 5B)	≥25m or ≥500GT			
Battery-operated torch for 100% crew	All			
Navigation equipment Vessels 35m or more in length shall comply with MO 27				
Clock (may be included in other navigation equipment)	<35m			
Pair of binoculars fitted with neck strap and carrying case	<35m			
Echo sounder	<35m			
Signaling light	All			
International Code flags appropriate to vessel activities	<35m			
Nautical publications	<35m			
ECDIS / ECS / Paper charts and backup for electronics	<35m			
GNSS	<35m where plotting equipment (ECDIS, ECS, etc) is fitted			
Radar reflector	<12m			
Speed and distance indicator	<35m			
Compass (card 75mm minimum diameter)	<10m			
Compass (card 100mm minimum diameter)	≥10m <20m			
Compass (card 125mm minimum diameter)	≥20m <35m			
Communication system to emergency steering	<35m			



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Miscellaneous equipment				
Windlass, anchors and cables (See NSCV Part C Section 7D for anchoring requirements)	All			
Sea anchor	<10m, unless capable of anchoring in deep water			
Hawsers and warps	All			
Scale F First Aid Kit as per NSCV Part C Section 7A Annex H <i>Note</i> : GES 2015/01 may also be applicable to vessels operating in C, D or E waters	All			
Logbook (See MO504)	All			
HF Radio with DSC/Satellite communication system/Satellite telephone	All when operating beyond LCS areas of coverage			
VHF Radio with DSC	All			
Current edition of the "Marine VHF Radio Operators Handbook"	≥7.5m			
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Navigation lights, day shapes and flags as per the Prevention of Collision at Sea Regulations (MO30)	All			
Sound signal	<12m			
Whistle	≥12m			
Bell (300mm minimum diameter)	≥20m			
Gong	≥100m			
Rudder angle indicator	≥15m			
Collar repair kit and air pump	All Inflatables/RIBs			
Bilge pumps (see Table 1)	All			
Approved safe means of access (See NSCV Part C Section 1 Clause 6.16 and Table 33)	All			

Note: For Fire Fighting Equipment complying with the NSCV, please refer to the NSCV Part C Section 4.



Table 1: Bilge Pumps

	Manual pumps with discharge capacity		Power pumps with discharge capacity			
Measured length of vessel	Number	Capacity in kilolitre/hour	Number	Capacity in kilolitre/hour		
<5m	Bailing bucket acceptable for open boats provided the bilge is readily accessible					
≥5m <7.5m	1	4.0	-	-		
≥7.5m <10m	2	4.0	-	-		
≥10m <12.5m	1	5.5	1	5.5		
≥12.5m <17.5m	1	5.5	1	11.0		
≥17.5m <20m	1	8.0	1	11.0		
≥20m <25m	-	-	2	11.0		
≥25m <35m	-	-	2	15.0		