

Benefits of a Vessel Safety Check

A Vessel Safety Check can identify *SAFETY* and money saving opportunities:

- 0 By preventing citations by meeting federal and state and local safety equipment requirements.
- 0 By identifying educational and equipment-related possible boating insurance discounts.
- 0 By increasing awareness of safety practices to avoid accidents and costly breakdowns.

A Vessel Safety Check can reduce accidents and injuries by educating the boater as to the value and use of marine safety equipment, and other safe practices on the water.

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**“Boat Smart
from the
Start”
with a Free**

**VESSEL
SAFETY
CHECK**



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Introduction

The mission of the Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety program is to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage and negative environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats, through preventive means. The VSC program supports one of the program's key goals: To improve the demonstrated knowledge, skills, abilities and behaviors of boaters.

The VSC program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal, state and local recreational boating safety laws, particularly regarding the carriage of safety equipment. It also heightens the boaters' awareness of safety issues through one-on-one contact by volunteer vessel examiners.

What is a Vessel Safety

It is a *free* check of a vessel's equipment for compliance with federal, state and local safety requirements.

Some of the items we check are:

- 0 Proper display of numbers
- 0 Registration/Documentation
- 0 Personal Flotation Devices
- 0 Visual Distress Signals
- 0 Fire extinguishers
- 0 Ventilation
- 0 Backfire Flame Control
- 0 Sound Producing Devices
- 0 Navigation Lights
- 0 State & Local Requirements
- 0 Overall Vessel Condition

Boating Safety Education

During the Vessel Safety Check, the vessel examiner has an opportunity to discuss with a fellow boater the purpose of the marine safety equipment, to clarify various federal, state, and local regulations, to review local boating conditions, to answer any Boating related safety questions and to encourage additional boater education. Some of the topics are:

- 0 Accident Reporting
- 0 Charts and Aids
- 0 Survival Tips
- 0 Fueling/Fuel Management
- 0 Float Plan
- 0 Weather & Sea Conditions
- 0 Safe Boating Classes