



#### **Owner's Pre-Vessel Safety Check Information**

Per Memorandum of Understanding between USCG and USPS, dba America's Boating Club, all of the following, as applicable, are required for a vessel to pass a Vessel Safety Check and earn the decal.

Item 1 - Display of Registration Number: The "number" must be permanently attached to or painted on both sides of the bow. The characters must be readable, be in a plain block font, not less than three inches high, read *Left* to Right, and contrast with the hull color. A hyphen or space (the width of the letter 'N') must separate letters from numbers (eg, FL 1234 AB or FL-1234-AB). The <u>annual FL decal</u> is affixed to the *Port* bow, immediately *before* or *after* the Florida Registration Number. No other numbers should be near the Registration Number. Documented vessels (see Item 2) must display the FL decal on their port side.



Item 2 – FL Registration or USCG Documentation: A copy of the vessel registration/documentation must be on board. Vessels can be registered by Florida ("FL number") or by the USCG (*Documentation*). If your vessel is Documented, the Official Number must be permanently marked on or affixed to a visible, non-removable part of the *interior* structure. A Documented vessel's name and hailing port must be displayed on the exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches in height. Documented vessels must also be registered in Florida, but the Registration Certificate will have the Official Number instead of a separate Florida Registration Number. A Documented vessel requires the Certificate and Registration.

FLOR	DA VE	SSEL RI	EGISTRA	ATION			В#	3273482	
FL/DO#		DEC	AL 0448596	60 Exp	ires Midnight	t Sun 11/12/2023			
YR/MK HIN	2019/EPY	BODY	VS	TITLE		Reg. Tax Init. Reg.	163.50	Class Code Tax Months	100
HULL USE DL/FEID	FBGLSS PLSRE	PROPUL TYPE	OUTBRD OPEN	FUEL LENGTH	GAS 27'6"	County Fee Mail Fee Sales Tax	80.76	Back Tax Mos Credit Class Credit Months	
Date Issued	1/4/2022					Voluntary Fees Grand Total	244.26		
				1	Vour registration r	IMPORTANT INFORM		thin 30 days of me	wing
				2.	Registration renewals are the responsibility of the registrant and shall occur during the 30-day period prior to the expiration date shown on this registration. Renewal notices are provided as a courtesy and are not required for renewal purposes.				



**Item 3 - Personal Flotation Devices (PFD):** To be acceptable, PFDs (aka Life Jackets) must be U.S.C.G. approved, in good, *serviceable* condition, and of suitable size for each person on the vessel. Serviceable condition means webbing and straps are attached; cover is intact; buoyant material isn't waterlogged, compressed, or hardened; inflatable chambers hold air, inflatable PFDs have inflation lanyards accessible, etc.

Children must have properly fitted PFDs that are designed specifically for children. Wearable PFDs shall be "readily accessible" (ie, *not* stored in unopened plastic packaging). Throwable devices shall be "immediately available." Riders of Personal Watercraft (PWC), must *wear* an *impact-rated* PFD. Vessels 16 feet (4.9 meters) or longer must also have one Type IV PFD (ie, designed to be thrown to a conscious person in the water).

Item 4 - Visual Distress Signals (VDS): Vessels 16 feet (4.9 meters) or longer are required to carry a minimum of either: 1) three day *and* three night pyrotechnic devices, 2) one day non-pyrotechnic device (orange flag with black square and circle) plus one night non-pyrotechnic device (eg, auto SOS light) or 3) a combination of 1) and 2). Recreational vessels less than 16 feet (4.88 meters) need only carry night visual distress signals when operating from Sunset to Sunrise. Pyrotechnics devices *must be unexpired*.







Item 5 - Fire Extinguishers: Are required if there are: (1) Inboard engine(s); (2) Closed compartments storing portable fuel tanks or other flammable materials; (3) Double-bottom hulls that are not completely sealed or completely filled with flotation; (4) Closed living space; or (5) Permanently installed fuel tanks. Fire extinguishers must be readily accessible and verified as serviceable (gauge in the green, no corrosion). They are not required on recreational outboard vessels under 26 feet (8m) that do not meet criteria 2-5 above. USCG has adopted UL labeling therefore, effective 20 April 2022, for vessels contracted for on or after 22 August 2016, the minimum requirements, by vessel length, are:

Vessel Length	Is There A Fixed Fire Suppression System on Board?				
Overall (LOA)	No	Yes			
< 26' (~8m)	ONE 5-B (previously B-1)	n/a			
26'-40' (~12m)	<b>TWO</b> 5-B or <b>ONE</b> 20-B	<b>ONE</b> 5-B			
40'-65' (~20m)	<b>THREE</b> 5-B or <b>ONE</b> 5-B + <b>ONE</b> 20-B	<b>TWO</b> 5-B or <b>ONE</b> 20-B			

Vessels contracted for before 22 August 2016 can still use B-I or B-II units until they are replaced. Regardless of their condition of gauge reading, all marine fire extinguishers expire 12 years after the year stamped on the bottom of the cylinder.

- **Item 6 Ventilation:** Vessels built after **1 August 1980** with *gasoline engines* in *closed* compartments, must have a *powered* ventilation system. Those built prior to that date must have natural or powered ventilation. The blower must be working properly.
- **Item 7 Backfire Flame Control/Arrestor:** All *gasoline*-powered **inboard** or **inboard/outboard** (**stern drive**) motor vessels must be equipped with a USCG approved, properly fitted backfire flame arrestor device that is free of dirt and oil. Backfire Flame Arrestors are not required on outboard motors.
- Item 8 Sound Producing Devices/Bell: All vessels must carry a sound producing device (eg, whistle, horn) capable of a 4-second blast audible for ½ nautical mile. A vessel 12 meters (39.4 ft.) or longer is required to have a whistle; a vessel 20 meters (65.6 ft.) or longer is also required to have a bell.
- **Item 9 Navigation Lights:** All vessels must be able to display navigational lights from *Sunset* to *Sunrise*. Vessels 16 feet (4.9 meters) or longer must have properly installed, working navigation lights **and** an anchor light visible for 360° which operates *independently* of the red/green/white "running" lights.
- **Item 10 Pollution Placard:** Vessels 26 feet (8 meters) and longer with a machinery compartment must display an oily waste "pollution" placard.



**Item 11 - MARPOL Trash Placard:** Vessels 26 feet (8 meters) and longer must display a "MARPOL" trash placard. Vessels 40 feet and longer must also have available a written trash disposal plan.



- **Item 12 Marine Sanitation Devices:** Any *installed* toilet must be approved by the USCG. MSDs must be secured to prevent discharge of sewage when operating in a no-discharge zone. Types I and II are flow-through devices using chlorination (Type I) or bacterial digestion (Type II). Type III, the most common on recreational vessels, hold untreated waste in a tank. To prevent sewage discharge, remove, lock, or wire-tie handle to Y-valve for Type III MSDs). Types I or II can also be secured by locking the head's door.
- **Item 13 Navigation Rules:** Vessels 12 meters (39.4 feet) and longer must have a *current* copy of the Navigation Rules on board.
- **Item 14 State and/or Local Requirements:** A vessel must meet the requirements of the State in which it is being examined before the Vessel Safety Check decal can be awarded. Florida requires all vessels to be Registered *except* non-motorized vessels less than 16 feet (4.9 m) and non-motorized canoes, kayaks, racing shells, and rowing sculls of any length.

### Item 15 - Overall Vessel condition: Including, but not limited to:

- a) The deck is free of hazards and the bilge is clean: The vessel must be free from fire hazards, in good overall condition, with bilges reasonably clean and visible hull structure generally sound. The use of automobile parts on vessel engines is not acceptable. The engine horsepower must not exceed that shown on the capacity plate, if a capacity plate is installed (A manufacturer's capacity plate is required on power-driven vessels under 20 feet LOA.)
- b) *Safe Electrical Systems:* The electrical system must be protected by fuses or manual reset circuit breakers. Switches and fuse panels must be protected from rain or water spray. Wiring must be in good condition, properly installed, and with no exposed wire or deteriorated insulation. Batteries must be secured with terminals covered to prevent accidental arcing. If installed, self-circling mechanism or engine cut-off switch must be in proper working order.
- c) Safe Fuel Systems: Portable fuel tanks (normally 7-gallon capacity or less) must be constructed of non-breakable material and free of corrosion and leaks. All vents must be capable of being closed. The tank must be secured and have a vapor-tight, leak-proof cap. Each permanent fuel tank must be properly ventilated.
- d) Safe Galley and Heating Systems: System and fuel tanks must be properly secured with no flammable materials nearby.
- Item 16 Engine Cut-Off Switch Link (ECOSL): All Personal Watercraft (eg, Jet Ski®, Sea-Doo®, WaveRunner®) and any other motorized recreational vessel under 26' LOA manufactured after January 2000 must have an Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) installed. The Engine Cut-Off Switch Link (ECOSL), whether lanyard or wireless fob, must be attached to the operator's person, clothing, or PFD while underway above idle speed *unless* the helm is completely enclosed.