

Required Equipment Checklist



	PWCs	Boat Less Than 16 Ft.	Boat 16 Ft. To Less Than 26 Ft.
Certificate of Boating Safety Education	✓ 1	✓ 1,7	✓ 1,7
Certificate of Vessel Number on Board	✓	✓ 7	✓ 7
Registration Decals Displayed	✓	✓ 7	✓ 7
Wearable PFDs: Type I, II, III, or V	✓ 2,3	✓ 3	✓ 3
Throwable PFD: Type IV			✓
Type B-I Fire Extinguisher	✓	✓ 7	✓ 7
Ignition Safety Switch	✓		
Backfire Flame Arrestor	✓	✓ 4,7	✓ 4,7
Ventilation System	✓	✓ 7	✓ 7
Muffler	✓	✓ 7	✓ 7
Horn, Whistle, or Bell	✓	✓	✓
Daytime Visual Distress Signals			✓ 5
Nighttime Visual Distress Signals	6	✓ 5	✓ 5,7
Navigation Lights	6	✓	✓

1. Applicable if operator is born after July 1, 1972. See page 26 for more information.
2. Everyone onboard a PWC must *wear* a personal flotation device (PFD).
3. Children under 13 years of age must *wear* a PFD while underway on a vessel under 21 feet in length. There are additional requirements for PFDs on children under 4 years of age. See pages 29-30 for more information.
4. Required on board permanently installed gasoline engines.
5. Required when boating on federally controlled waters (see page 33).
6. Certain items are not applicable to PWCs because they are not allowed to operate between sunset and sunrise.
7. Except all non-motorized vessels.