

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Kidde fire extinguisher recall issued 11/2/2017
- Involves two styles of Kidde fire extinguishers: plastic handle and push-button
- The recall involves 134 models manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017
- Contact Kidde to request a free replacement



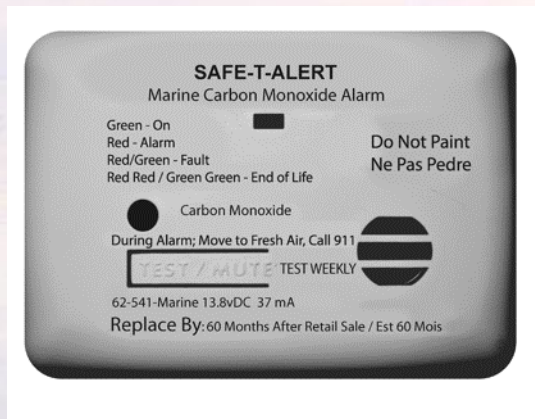
FIXED FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

- The VE should look for a means of determining if the system is charged
- If it can be determined the system is charged or not discharged, the system can be counted
- There is no requirement for an inspection tag on a bottle nor requirement to document inspection of the bottle or system



CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)

- Confused with seasickness or intoxication
- Large exposures can result in death
- Install and maintain marine grade approved CO detector



VESSELS 65 FEET OR GREATER

- Vessels 65 feet or greater are not eligible for a VSC
- This rule has been in effect for 20 years
- Vessels that large typically have complicated systems that the average VE would have difficulty examining



BATTERIES

- Batteries should be secured or clamped down to prevent movement
- Each battery must be installed so that metallic objects cannot come in contact with battery terminals
- Covering the positive terminal is a requirement to receive a VSC decal; however, some states may require both terminals be covered
- Vessels with outboard motors are except from the above requirements



VHF RADIO

- Portable
- Water resistant
- Effective/Reliable



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Auxiliary National “V” Department website

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=v-dept>

Vessel Safety Checks for Rental Agencies (Liveries)

<http://vdept.cgauw.org/JobAidFiles/Vessel-Exams-For-Rental-Marina-Facilities.pdf>

paddlecraft Vessel Safety Check Addendum

<http://vdept.cgauw.org/JobAidFiles/SUBsVSCManualAddendum.pdf>

B-Directorate Paddlecraft Safety

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=B-DEPT&category=paddlecraft-safety>

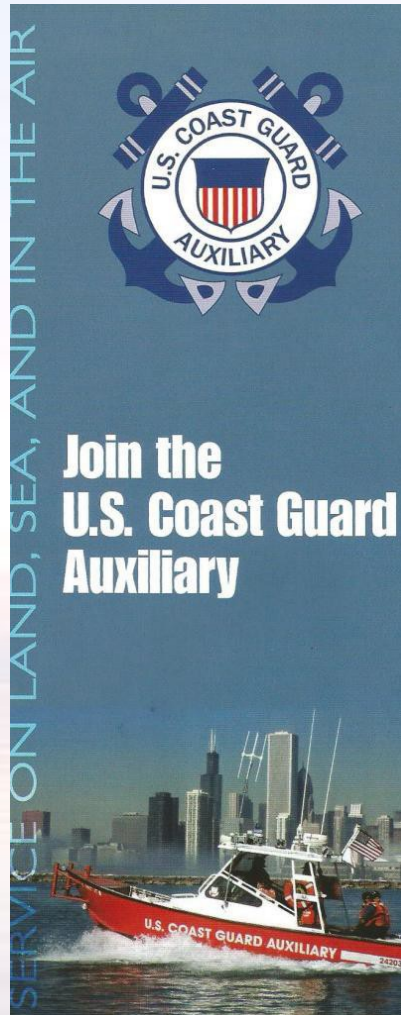
Paddlecraft videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5e0WIXgNGDg>

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REMEMBER

- While performing Vessel Examinations, remember the goal is to educate the public in boating safety
- The United States Coast Guard is in the Recreational Boating Safety business and our responsibility as their partner is to save lives through education

