

# VSC Requirements by Boat Type/Length

N/A=Not Applicable; I/A=If Applicable; O/B=On Board; EXP=Exception; PWC: Personal Water Craft/Jet-skis; PC: Paddle Craft(Paddle Boards/Kayaks)

Boat Length	Fire Extinguishers (***)		PFDs	Navigation Lights (See Navigation Rules)	VDS	Sound Devices	Nav Rules	Pollution MARPOL
	W/O Fixed System	W/ Fixed System						
<b>&lt; 26'</b> <i>(Includes PWCs and PC)</i>	1 B-1 or 1 5-B  <i>EXP: Boats powered by an outboard engine, see below (**)</i>	0	1pp + Type IV  <i>EXP: &lt;16' do not require a Type IV</i>	Standard Configuration (*)  <i>EXP1: Power vessels &lt; 23' &amp; &lt; 7knt may exhibit all around white light in lieu of Standard Config *. See International (ONLY) Rule 23(d)(ii). Does not apply to Inland use</i>  <i>EXP2: Sailing/Oar-Powered(PC) vessels &lt; 23' may exhibit all around white light in lieu of Standard Config *. See Inland or International Rule 25(d)(i)&amp;(ii)</i>  <i>EXP3: N/A for PWCs as they are prohibited in CA to operate at night</i>	Day/Night  <i>EXP: &lt;16' require Night VDS only when operating at night</i>	Hand Whistle / Air Horn  <i>PWC/PC: Whistle on PFD</i>	N/A	No
<b>26' - 39.4'</b>	2 B-1 or 1 B-2  OR  2 5-B or 1 20-B	1 B-1  OR  1 5-B	1pp + Type IV	Standard Configuration (*)  <i>EXP1: May have side lights &amp; all around white light. See Inland(International) Rule 23(c)</i>	Day/Night	Hand Whistle / Air Horn	N/A	Yes
<b>39.4' - 65'</b> <i>Note: Crewed vessels may fall under UPV</i>	3 B-1 or 1 B-1 & 1 B-2  OR  3 5-B or 1 5-B & 1 20-B	2 B-1 or 1 B-2  OR  2 5-B or 1 20-B	1pp + Type IV	Standard Configuration (*)  <i>EXP: Sailing vessels &lt; 65' may exhibit all around combined masthead light(R/G/W). See Inland or International Rule 25(b)</i>	Day/Night	Whistle/Horn	Yes	Yes

\* *Nav Lights Standard Configuration: Masthead/Steaming Light, R/G Side Lights, Stern Light, Anchor Light(if applicable)*

\*\* *Fire extinguishers are required if one of the following apply: 1) Inboard engine(s); 2) Double bottom hulls not completely sealed or not completely filled with flotation materials 3) Closed living space 4) Closed stowage compartments that contain flammable materials or 5) Permanently installed fuel tanks. Recreational boats less than 26 feet, and propelled by outboard motors are NOT required to have fire extinguishers unless one or more of the conditions (2-5) listed above applies*

\*\*\* *Vessels built prior to Aug 22, 2016 fall under USCG regulations of using B1 & B-2 type fire extinguishers. Vessels built after Aug 22, 2016 fall under OSHA regulations of using 5-B & 20-B type fire extinguishers. See Policy Letter 20-01*