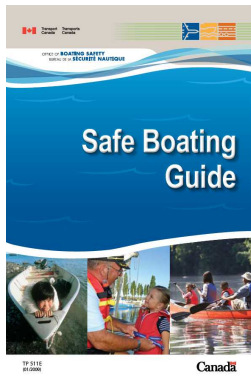


Free Safety Courtesy Check

The “Safe Boating Guide” lists the minimum safety equipment requirements as set by Transport Canada for your size vessel. Since boating laws change, you need to make sure you know the laws that are now in force. This knowledge will save you from getting a possible fine from the OPP and will enhance your pleasure boating experience.



Transport Canada has asked the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron (CPS) organisation to raise the public awareness of boating safety issues and increase the level of pleasure craft operators following safe boating practices.

In that regard, CPS volunteers are available to assist all boaters in ensuring that their vessel meets the minimum safety equipment requirements as per the Safe Boating Guide under the **CPS Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check Program**.

How does this program work?

STEP 1:

You as the boat owner invite the CPS volunteer(s) aboard to confirm that your vessel has the minimum safety equipment aboard. The safety requirements are specific to the size of your vessel, but in general cover the following areas;

- Personal Lifesaving Appliances such as lifejackets or PFD, buoyant heaving lines, lifebuoys and reboarding devices.
- Vessel Safety Equipment such as anchor and line, bilge pumps.
- Visual Signals such as watertight flashlight and flares.
- Navigation Equipment such sound-signalling devices, navigation lights, magnetic compass.
- Fire Fighting Equipment such as fire extinguishers.

STEP 2:

A 2010 Recreation Vessel Courtesy Check sticker will be issued to you if your vessel has the minimum safety equipment aboard as per the Safe Boating Guide. The best part is that all of this is absolutely

FREE.



STEP 3:

If you are interested in becoming a Boating Safety Specialist, please contact Gord Abry AP, Past Commander of the Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron and ask him about the training/workshop he offers (for free) to get you up and running in this program. Please email Gord at rvcc-training@rd-cps.ca.

Have a wonderful summer of safe boating.

Gord