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## **Hire & Drive Vessels - Inspection Requirements for Rowing Boats**

1. GENERAL:

This guidance note should be read in conjunction with the Northern Territory Marine (Hire and Drive Vessel) Regulations. Information, as required by Section 8 of the Regulations is given below.

2. ROWING BOATS:

2.1 A rowing boat of 3 metres or more in length, which is intended for use as a hire and drive vessel shall :

- (a) be constructed to a standard approved by the Marine Safety Branch;
- (b) be of such form and proportion as to have, with a full complement of persons on board :
  - (i) basic stability as defined in AS 1799-1975 omitting engine, fuel tank and fuel masses; or
  - (ii) an amidships freeboard of not less than 230mm when on an even keel;
- (c) have the ends decked in for a length of not less than 400mm taken from the aft side of the stem or fore end of boat;
- (d) have all thwarts and side seats fitted as low in the boat as possible;
- (e) have crutches and rowlocks fitted.
- (f) be provided with reserve buoyancy in the form of approved flotation material (ie. meeting the requirements of Appendix N of the Life-Saving Appliances Section of the USL Code) sufficient to prevent the boat from sinking when swamped in a condition of maximum load and persons capacity and with all equipment in its normal position.
- (g) a minimum of one pair of suitable oars of a buoyant nature.

2.2 The maximum carrying capacity of a hire and drive rowing boat shall be based :

- (a) on the seating capacity of the thwarts for the number of persons who would normally be seated when the boat is underway, at 600mm length of thwart per person; and

- (b) on the number of persons, reduced as necessary, to ensure basic stability of the boat as defined in sub-paragraph 2.1.(b)(l).

2.3 Rowing boats will not be permitted outside smooth (inland) waters.

### 3. INITIAL & ANNUAL INSPECTION PROCEDURES

After the initial inspection, vessels and safety equipment will be inspected annually :-

- Check the general condition of the vessel and safety equipment.
- Check crutches and rowlocks.
- Check condition of internal buoyancy material to verify no water ingress; rot etc.

As part of initial inspection one vessel of each type shall be swamp tested and run for trial purposes. During annual inspections vessels may be required to undergo further swamp tests and trials.

### 4. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Buoyancy aid in the form of PFD-1 to AS 1512 one per person to be worn at all times.  
1 bailer or bucket.  
1 waterproof torch.

5. Information not given in this note shall be as per the USL code.

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