

GUIDANCE NOTE No: 35/99

REVISION No: 6

## Fishing Vessels (Class 3C and 3B) less than 8 metres in Measured Length Operating Outside Declared Sheltered Waters Limits.

Requirements for Safety Equipment and Operator Qualifications  
Class 3C (within 30 nautical miles of the coastline) and  
3B (within 200 nautical miles of the coastline)

**Fishing Tour Operators are Class 2 vessels and are not covered by this Guidance Note.**

*Under the NT Marine Act, fishing vessels (Class 3C and 3B) less than 8 metres in length operating subject to the NT Marine Act are exempt from survey but must carry safety equipment as required by the Marine (Safety) Regulations and be operated by persons holding qualifications as required by the NT Marine (Safety Manning) Regulations.*

**Note: For fishing vessels less than 6.2 metres operating within 5 nautical miles of the coast or a mother ship refer to GN No. 60/2001 and GN No. 61/2001.**

*Gazetted sheltered waters are detailed in Guidance Note No 33/98.*

*Minimum Safety Manning requirements for fishing vessels are specified in Guidance Note No. 28/96*

*Radio requirements are detailed in Guidance Note No: 91/2002.*

*Medicines and Medical Stores are detailed in Scale E and Scale F.*

Details of prescribed safety equipment are as follows:

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### **BAROMETER**

Barometer or barograph

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### **BILGE ALARM**

One to be fitted in any space containing inboard propelling machinery. (Not required on vessels powered by outboard motors).

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### **BILGE PUMPS**

One manual bilge pump with a capacity of not less than 4.0 Kl/hr.  
**Note:** A power driven bilge pump of the same capacity may be substituted.

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## **CHARTS AND NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS**

To be suitable for the area of operation

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### **CLOCK**

Clock or wristwatch

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### **CODE FLAGS**

Flags "N" and "C"

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### **COMPASS**

Magnetic Steering Compass placed in a suitable position for taking accurate observations

Note: A compass is required to be swung every 3 years and a copy of the deviation card must be kept on board the vessel.

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### **DEPTH SOUNDING DEVICE**

Mechanical depth sounding device or hand lead line

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### **DISTRESS SIGNALS**

Three parachute distress rockets  
Two red hand flares  
One hand held orange smoke signal

**Note:** *Expiry date of flares must be valid.*

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### **ELECTRIC INSTALLATION/EQUIPMENT – EMERGENCY**

Two waterproof torches, one of which must be a signalling torch.

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### **EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACON (EPIRB)**

#### ***Class 3C***

406MHz EPIRB to AS/NZS 4280 requirements.

#### ***Class 3B***

406MHz EPIRB to AS/NZS 4280 requirements

**Note:** *Expiry date of battery must be valid.*

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### **FIRE BUCKETS**

One with lanyard of sufficient length to allow the bucket to be easily filled over the side of the vessel.

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### **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS – PORTABLE**

One suitable for extinguishing oil fires for use in each space containing propelling machinery with a minimum rating of 30B.

**Note:** *Portable extinguishers must be serviced every 12 months.*

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### **GAS DETECTOR**

For LPG installations a gas detector shall be fitted with sensors as close as possible to the source of entry below deck.

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### **LIFEBBOATS & LIFERAFTS**

#### ***Class 3B***

Coastal liferaft(s) for 100% complement.

#### ***Class 3C***

Coastal Liferaft(s) for 100% complement or;  
Dinghy for 100% complement

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### **LIFEBUOYS**

1 lifebuoy with light (this is not required for a vessel which carries only one (1) person).

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### **LIFEJACKETS**

#### ***Class 3B***

A SOLAS Lifejacket with light and whistle for each person.

**Note:** Expiry date of lifejacket light must be valid.

#### ***Class 3C***

A COASTAL lifejacket with light and whistle for each person.

**Note:** Expiry date of lifejacket light must be valid.

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### **MEDICINES AND MEDICAL STORES**

#### ***Class 3B***

As per Scale E

#### ***Class 3C***

As per Scale F

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### **NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND SHAPES**

Lights: Port, starboard, masthead, stern, anchor and fishing or trawling lights.

**Note:** *A power driven vessel of less than 12 metres may exhibit an all round white light in lieu of masthead and stern lights and this can also serve as an anchor light.*

Day Shapes: Basket

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### **SOUND SIGNAL**

Some means of making an efficient sound signal. Such as a portable air or gas operated horn.

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### **ANCHORS AND CABLES**

Anchors and cables - sufficient in number, weight and strength, as detailed in Section 13 of the USL Code.

Hawsers and warps of sufficient number, weight and strength having regard to the size and service of the vessel.

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## **RADIOTELEPHONY**

Single side band installation.

**Note:** You must contact any one of the following companies listed in Guidance Note: 91/2002 to ensure radio is satisfactory.

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For further information please contact this office.

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