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## Requirements for Survey & Manning Exempt Fishing Vessels (Class 3D, 3C and 3B)

- less than 6.2 Metres in Length Operating within 5 Nautical Miles of the Coast *or*
- operating with a Mother Vessel, all Vessels being within 5 Nautical Miles of the Coast)

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

In accordance with amendments to Sections 23 and 75 of the NT Marine Act which came into force on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2001:

*"Fishing vessels less than 6.2 metres in length that are operating within a limit of 5 nautical miles of the coast"* are not required to be in survey nor be operated by a coxswain, however, they are required to carry safety equipment as detailed below.

Under Sections 96 to 101; 109 to 115B and 117, the non-carriage of specified safety equipment and operating an unsafe vessel etc are offences and penalties apply.

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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 bilge pump of at least 4000 litres per hour capacity

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### CHARTS AND NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS

To be suitable for the area of operation of vessel [ not required for vessels operating in conjunction with a mothership]

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### CLOCK

Clock or wristwatch

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### **CODE FLAGS**

Flags "N" and "C"

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### **COMPASS**

At least one (1) hand held

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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 rockets and flares must be valid.*

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

At least one torch

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

One 406 MHz EPIRB to AS/NZS 4280 requirements.

**Note:** *Expiry date of battery must be valid for period of survey and must be registered with AUSSAR*

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### **BAILER**

One with lanyard of at least 4 litre capacity

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### **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS – PORTABLE**

One suitable for extinguishing oil fires with a minimum rating of 30B.

### **FIRST AID KIT**

Minimum standard of St John's fishing [6164] kit.

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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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### **LIFE BUOYS**

One life buoy with light

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### **LIFE JACKETS**

One Coastal life jacket with light and whistle per person.

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### **NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND SHAPES**

A white light visible all round and separate or combined sidelights. The white all round light shall be carried at least 1 metre above the sidelights. Vessels with maximum speed not exceeding 7 knots need not exhibit separate or combined sidelights.

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### **RADIOTELEPHONY**

VHF Walkie talkie suitable for search and rescue.

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### **REMOTE STOPS FOR OTHER MACHINERY**

To be provided for oil fuel, lubricating oil and hydraulic oil pumps and also separators.

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### **SIGNALLING LIGHT**

A signalling light or suitable approved torch fitted with a flashing button in addition to an ON/OFF button. An ordinary torch is **NOT** acceptable.

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### **SOUND SIGNAL**

Portable sound signal.

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### **WINDLASS, ANCHORS AND CABLES**

One Danforth or CQR Anchor of minimum 17 LBS attached to 3m of 8mm chain attached to 70 metres of 12 mm rope. Reef anchor if carried will be in addition to above.

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### **OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY PROCEDURE HANDBOOKS**

Operational and Safety procedure handbooks developed by operators /owners/ NTFIC in conjunction with appropriate individuals and organisations must be kept on board.

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### **INTERNAL BUOYANCY**

Minimum manufacturer's standard internal buoyancy. If vessel is not a standard production model, the owner must fit buoyancy to Appendix N Section 10 of USL Code.

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### **DRINKING WATER**

At least 5 litres of freshwater per day per person must be carried.

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### **WATERTIGHT CONTAINER**

One watertight buoyant container for carrying small gear like flares, etc.

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