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Requirements for Survey & Manning Exempt Fishing Vessels Class 3C and 3B less than 6.2 Metres in Length and Operating within 5 Nautical Miles of a Mother Vessel which is Operating Beyond 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 2nd April 2001:

“Fishing vessels less than 6.2 metres in length that are operating in conjunction with a mother vessel and are within a limit of 5 nautical miles of the mother vessel” 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 115 B and 117, the non-carriage of specified safety equipment and operating an unsafe vessel are offences and penalties apply

BILGE ALARM

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

BILGE PUMPS

One bilge pump of at least 4000 litres per hour capacity

CHARTS AND NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS

To be suitable for the area of operation of vessel

CLOCK

Clock or wristwatch

CODE FLAGS

Flags “N” and “C”

COMPASS

At least one (1) hand held

DEPTH SOUNDING DEVICE

Mechanical depth sounding device or hand lead line

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.*

ELECTRIC INSTALLATION/EQUIPMENT – EMERGENCY

At least one torch

EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACON (EPIRB)

406 MHz EPIRB to AS/NZS 4208 requirements.

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

BAILER

One with lanyard of minimum 4 litre capacity

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.

GAS DETECTOR

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

LIFEBUOYS

One lifebuoy with light

LIFE JACKETS

SOLAS life jacket with light and whistle for every person.

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.

RADIOTELEPHONY

VHF Walkie talkie to communicate with mother ship.
Must be checked by radio surveyor during mother vessel radio installation survey.

REMOTE STOPS FOR OTHER MACHINERY

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

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.

SOUND SIGNAL

Portable sound signal.

WINDLASS, ANCHORS AND CABLES

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

OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY PROCEDURE HANDBOOKS

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

INTERNAL BUOYANCY

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

HELIOGRAPH

One heliograph

WORK VEST

One number work vest to AS 1499 must be worn at all times by every person on board.

DRINKING WATER

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

WATERTIGHT CONTAINER

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

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