

Paddlecraft Vessel Safety Check

Requirements:

- **Sound signal (whistle, horn, etc)**
- **Life jacket/s**
- **Overall Vessel Condition**
 1. **Hull & deck sound**
 2. **Hatch covers (good condition/secure)**
 3. **Deck lines & Bungee Cords**
 4. **Bulkheads/Airbags/Flotation**
 5. **Paddle/Oars (serviceable)**
- **Navigation Lights: White light/Flashlight/White Lantern**
- **Visual Distress Signals (VDS):**
 - Day: Orange flag or orange smoke signal**
 - Night: Red flare**
- **State and/or Local Requirements**

Open Water Recommendations:

- **Pump or bailer**
- **Spray Skirt**
- **Spare paddle/oars**
- **Compass/GPS/navigation chart**
- **Tow/boat recovery system**
- **Marine radio (VHF)/cell phone/ Personal Locator Beacon (PLB)**

Other Recommendations:

- **Dressed for immersion/helmet**
- **Personal ID on operator**
- **Float plan with someone on shore**
- **Adequate food and water/Sun Protection**
- **Assess the risk/good awareness**
- **High Visibility clothing, gear, etc**
- **Appropriate emergency kit (might include first-aid kit, knife, repair kit, etc)**
- **Appropriate self-rescue system/skills**
- **Contact information affixed to craft**
- **Accident Reporting - Owner responsible**
- **Anchor lights (if applicable)**