

This Guidance Notice only applies to vessels that were operating commercially on 30 June 2013

Requirements for survey and 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 2nd 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.

Bailer

One with lanyard of at least 4 litre capacity

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 [not required for vessels operating in conjunction with a mothership]

Clock

Clock or wristwatch

Code flags

Flags “N” and “C”

Compass

At least one (1) hand held

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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)

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

Fire extinguishers – portable

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

Gas detector

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

Life buoys

One life buoy with light

Life jackets

One Coastal life jacket with light and whistle per person.

Medicines and medical stores

Scale G
See appendix

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 suitable for search and rescue.

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.

Sound signal

Portable sound signal.

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.

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.

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.

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, etc.

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Medicines and medical stores – Scale G

Description	Quantity	Expiry dated	Comments
Bandage, conforming 5 cm	1		secure dressing and support
Bandage, conforming 10 cm	1		secure dressing and support
Bandage, heavy crepe 7.5 cm	2		support bandage
Bandage, triangular	4		sling
Dressing, combine 10 x 10 cm, sterile	3	Yes	bleeding control
Dressing, combine 10 x 20 cm, sterile	2	Yes	bleeding control, large
Dressing, non-adherent (10 x 10 cm or similar)	5	Yes	wound cover
Dressing, hydroactive (10 x 10 cm or similar)	1	Yes	blisters, burns and minor
Wound dressing, combination, large	2		Major wounds
Wound dressing, combination, small	2		Major wounds
Adhesive roll non-woven fabric 5 cm x 10 m	1		securing dressings
Dressings, elastic fabric strips	50		minor wound cover
Gauze swabs, sterile (single use pkt of 3)	3	Yes	cleansing/dressing wound
Eye pad, sterile	2	Yes	eye cover
Wound closure strips, wide, 6 x 38 mm	1	Yes	securing wound sides
Tape surgical waterproof 2.5 cm x 5 m	1		Secure dressing
Tape surgical waterproof 5 cm x 5 m	1		Secure dressing
Towels, disposable, pkt of 2	2		
Plastic bag set (3 asst L, M and S)	1		Amputated parts
Plastic bag	2		disposal of soiled dressings
Gloves, disposable, large	10		
Safety pins, stainless, assorted pkt of 12	1		
Blanket, emergency thermal	1		Hypothermia and shock
Ice pack, instant	1		
Resuscitation mask, disposable	1		
Splinter probes, sterile, disposable	5		
Splinter forceps, 12.5 cm	1		
Shears, stainless, 19 cm minimum	1		
Splint malleable, universal	1		
Normal saline, sterile 30 ml polyamp	6	Yes	eye irrigation / wound cleaning
Povidone iodine swabs (single use)	10	Yes	Antiseptic
Anaesthetic + antiseptic cream 30 g	1	Yes	
Paracetamol 500 mg tabs or caps	24	Yes	mild pain relief
Hyoscine hydrobromide 0.3mg tablets	10	Yes	Seasickness
Loperimide 2mg tablets	16	Yes	diarrhoea
Antacid tablets	12	Yes	
CPR instruction chart or card	1		
Australian First Aid Book	1		