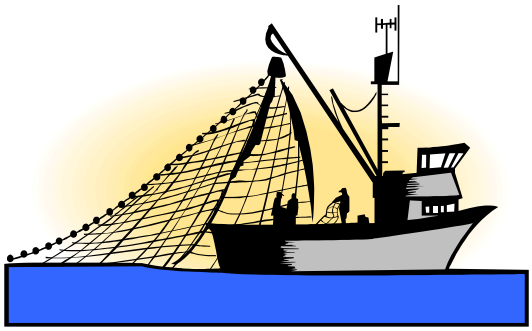
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examination Checklist

State Registered
26 to less than 40 feet in length
Coastal Waters



GENERAL VESSEL REQUIREMENTS		
Vessel Name:	**Number:**	
	BRIDGE & DOCUMENTS	
33 CFR 173	**Registration/Markings:** Original on board, current; Vessel's number on both sides of forward part of hull. Contrasting color	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
46 CFR 28.165	**Injury Placard** (All Vessels)	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
33 CFR 155.450	**Oil Pollution Placard** (Vessels $\geq$ 26 Feet)	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
33 CFR 151.59	**MARPOL (Garbage) Placard** (Vessels $\geq$ 26 Feet)	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	**Navigation Lights:** Required during darkness and/or in or near areas of restricted visibility (fog) Side Lights (112.5^{o}) All around white light or masthead (225° and sternlight 135°) Fishing lights Red over White (360°) 1 meter apart, required on all fishing vessels except TROLLERS. Trawlers use green over white.	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	**Dayshapes** Required fishing dayshape, two black cones apex to apex. Not required on TROLLERS.	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	**Sound Producing Devices:** Vessels < 12m (39.4 ft): Means of Making an Efficient Sound Signal 12m < 20m (65.6 ft) a powered whistle	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A

	LIFESAVING	
46 CFR 28.110 46 CFR 28.135 46 CFR 28.140	**Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)** Immersion Suit. One for each person on board. Marked with name and retroreflective tape Properly maintained in good working order and in good shape Stowed readily accessible Personal Marker Light attached Coast Guard approved Batteries replaced annually (alkaline) or expiration date (others)	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
46 CFR 28.115 46 CFR 28.135	**Ring Life Buoys:** Required 1 orange ring life buoy, 24 inches in diameter. a. Marking with name and retroreflective tape b. Ring buoy is required to have 60 feet of line attached. c. Stowed readily accessible in good working condition.	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
46 CFR 28.120 46 CFR 28.125 46 CFR 28.130 46 CFR 28.140	**Survival Craft:** Vessels less than 36 feet: Not required if less than 4 persons on board. 36 feet or more OR 4 or more people on board: Buoyant Apparatus Stowed in a readily accessible location. Marked with vessel's name or number and reflective tape.	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
46 CFR 28.145 46 CFR 28.140	**Visual Distress Signals** Required any 3 Day/Night Coast Guard approved signals; or Distress flag and distress light (CG approved)	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
	ENGINE ROOM/MISCELLANEOUS	
46 CFR 28.155 46 CFR 28.160 46 CFR 25.30	**Portable Fire Extinguishing Equipment:** Required 2 B-I Fire Ext on board. Approved by USCG, UL or FM. Good Condition/Pressure gauge OK or weighed and tagged if no gauge. Mounted properly in bracket	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
46 CFR 25.35	**Flame Arrestor** (gas power) Approved and in good condition	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
46 CFR 25.40	**Ventilation** (gas power) Adequate/Working ventilation to engine compartment	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
33 CFR 159.7	**Marine Sanitation Device:** Required only if there is an INSTALLED toilet. Type III: Holding tank to prevent overboard discharge. Overboard valve must be secured	**O** Yes **O** No **O** N/A
POLICY	**Excess Safety Equipment:** Any safety equipment (PFDs, EPIRBs, Survival Craft, Fire Extinguishers, Visual Distress Signals) that is in excess than what is required on board must meet one of the following: 1. Serviced and properly maintained in good working order, 2. Marked "For Training Only" and kept separate from serviceable items, or 3. Removed from the vessel.	

CFVS VESSEL CHECKLIST GUIDELINES

This booklet is to be used to record voluntary examinations of commercial fishing industry vessels. It provides a summary list of Coast Guard requirements to examiners and owners/operators of commercial fishing industry vessels. This checklist should be used in conjunction with the regulations or other aids developed by the Coast Guard to assist in understanding of the regulations.

For a Voluntary Dockside Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exam contact:

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