

Vessel Licensing Equipment Checklist

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Commercial vessels operating on the Tidal Thames are required to hold a valid PLA Licence or equivalent level of vessel Certification.

This checklist is provided as guidance inline with the Thames Freight Standard to indicate the levels of Life Saving Appliances, Fire Fighting & Navigation Equipment required to be on board.

This checklist may also be used as guidance for vessels carrying 12 or less passengers, under the Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat Code, however vessels licensed under this Code may require equipment in excess of that stated below.

1	If the vessel operates below Denton Wharf: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two hand held Red Flares ○ Two Orange buoyant smoke floats (3min type) 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	One Lifebuoy with 30m line attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	One Lifebuoy with an automatically battery powered light which can not be extinguished by water	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	A 30m Heaving Line	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	A Boat Hook	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Lif jackets for all the passengers and crew (plus two spares if lifejackets are the inflatable type) (Lifejackets must conform to BS/EN 396 150N)	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	A Water Resistant Torch	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	A Sound Signalling Device / Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	A Pair of Binoculars (Min rating 7 x 50) – Not required on open vessels	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	A Radar Reflector for non-metallic hulls	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Appropriate Navigation Lights are required for all vessels when operating between the hours of sunset to sunrise or restricted visibility	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	A Suitable sized anchor with 5m chain + 25m rope	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	For any vessel operating in Category D waters (seawards of Denton Wharf), an inflatable Liferaft, sufficient in size for all those on board should be provided and suitably secured to the vessel. The securing arrangements should efficiently enable both float free and manual deployment. The Liferaft should be compliant with ISAF, OSR or SOLAS regulation and be provided with a SOLAS B equipment pack.	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Appropriate Charts and Publications for the area of operation including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PLA Byelaws ○ Permanent Notices to Mariners ○ General Directions for Navigation ○ PLA Notices to Mariners 	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fire Extinguishers:

- i. Fire Extinguishers for all vessels with the exception passenger boats should have a minimum fire rating of 5A / 34B
- ii. Fire Extinguishers on board passenger boats require a minimum fire rating of 13A/113B

	Location	Type 5A/34B for vessels <13.7m LOA	Type 13A/113B for vessels ≥ 13.7m LOA and all vessels Licensed under The Passenger Boat Code	
a)	In the wheelhouse	1 portable fire extinguisher	1 portable fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	Close to each means of access to the deck and accommodation	1 portable fire extinguisher	1 portable fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	Close to each means of access to service premises that are not accessible from the accommodation, and which contain heating, cooking or refrigeration equipment using solid or liquid fuels	1 portable fire extinguisher	1 portable fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>
d)	At each entrance to the engine space and boiler rooms	1 portable fire extinguisher	1 portable fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>
e)	At suitable points in engine rooms and boiler rooms such that no position in the space is more than 10m away from an extinguisher, unless this provision is met by (d).	1 portable fire extinguisher	1 portable fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>
f)	By the galley / kitchen	1 fire blanket	1 fire blanket	<input type="checkbox"/>

Minimum First Aid Kit Requirements

	Equipment	Recommended Specification	Quantity	
1	Pocket Face Mask		1	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Adhesive Elastic bandage	Adhesive Elastic Bandage 7.5cm x 4m	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Disposable polyethylene gloves	Latex free, vinyl	5 pairs	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Adhesive dressings	Assorted, sterile	20	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Sterile bandages with un medicated dressings (Ambulance dressings)	medium, No.1 (12x10)cm large, No.2 (20x15)cm extra large No.3(28x20)cm	6 2 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Adhesive sutures or zinc oxide bandages	75mm adhesive suture strips	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Sterile gauze swabs	Packet containing 5 sterile gauze pads size 7.5cms x 7.5cms	1 packet	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	First Aid Instructions or First Aid Manual		1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Recommended Additional Items to be Carried

	Scissors stainless steel / or sterile disposable		1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Triangular bandages	Approx. 90cm x 127cm	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Medium Safety Pins	Manufactured from Corrosion resistant material	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sterile dressings	Paraffin gauze type	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Burns dressings	Plastic Burns Bag	1	<input type="checkbox"/>