

**Personal
Watercraft
(PWC)**

**Class A
Less than
16 feet (ft.)**

**Class 1
16 ft. to
less than 26 ft.**

**Class 2
26 ft. to
less than 40 ft.**

**Class 3
40 ft. to
less than 65 ft.**

Boating Safety Education ID Card (anyone born on or after January 1, 1988, operating 10 h.p. or more)	Required; also, you must be at least 14 to operate a PWC.	Required	Required	Required	Required
Personal Flotation Devices (PFD): Type I, II, III, or V (one per person)	Required; non-inflatable PFDs must be worn while operating, riding on, or being towed behind a PWC.	Required; any person under 6 must <i>wear</i> a PFD while vessel is underway.	Required; any person under 6 must <i>wear</i> a PFD while vessel is underway.	Required	Required
Throwable Preserver: Type IV (ring or cushion)	Not required	Not required	Required	Required	Required
Type B-I Fire Extinguisher	Required	Required; except for an outboard motorboat less than 26 ft. in length if the boat is not <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carrying passengers for hire • constructed so that it will permit entrapment of explosives or flammable gas for vapors • equipped with permanently installed fuel tanks. 		Required; at least two Type B-I or one Type B-II	Required; at least three Type B-I or one Type B-II plus one Type B-I
Engine Cutoff Switch Lanyard (must be worn)	Required, if equipped by the manufacturer	Not required, but recommended	Not required, but recommended	Not required, but recommended	Not required, but recommended
Sound Producing Device (bell, horn, or whistle)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Daytime Visual Distress Signals (coastal waters only)	Not required	Not required	Required	Required	Required
Nighttime Visual Distress Signals (coastal waters only)	Not required (night operation prohibited)	Required; must carry at least three visual distress signals approved for nighttime use if operated between sunset and sunrise.	Required	Required	Required
Navigation Lights (from sunset to sunrise or during poor visibility)	Required; PWCs can ONLY be operated one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.	Required	Required	Required	Required