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VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

**SAFE BOATS HELP
SAVE LIVES!**



What is a Vessel Safety Check?

A Vessel Safety Check ensures the vessel and its equipment comply with federal, state, and local safety requirements.

Some of the inspected items include:

- Fire extinguishers
- Backfire flame control
- Sound producing devices
- Visual distress signals
- Lifejackets
- Registration/documentation
- State and local requirements
- Navigation lights
- Proper display of numbers
- Ventilation
- Overall vessel condition

Boating Safety Education

During the Vessel Safety Check, the vessel examiner discusses the purpose of the marine safety equipment and how it applies to federal, state, and local regulations.

The examiner also reviews local boating conditions, answers any boating related safety questions, and encourages additional boater education.

Educational topics include:

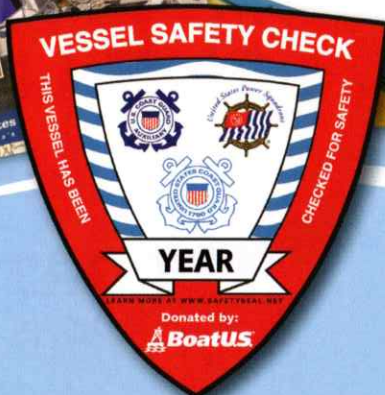
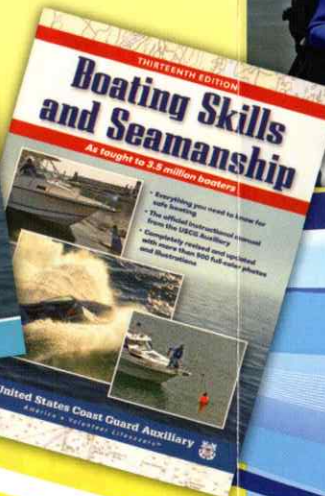
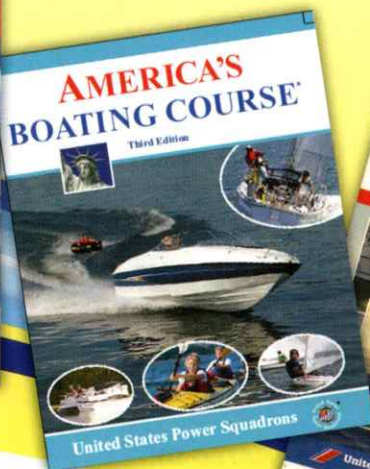
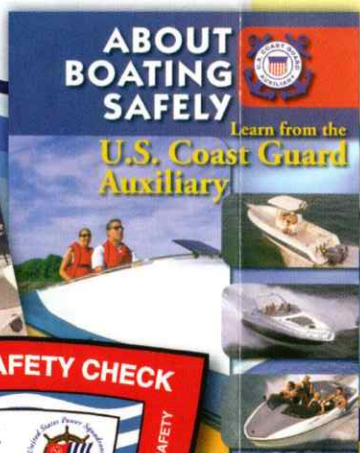
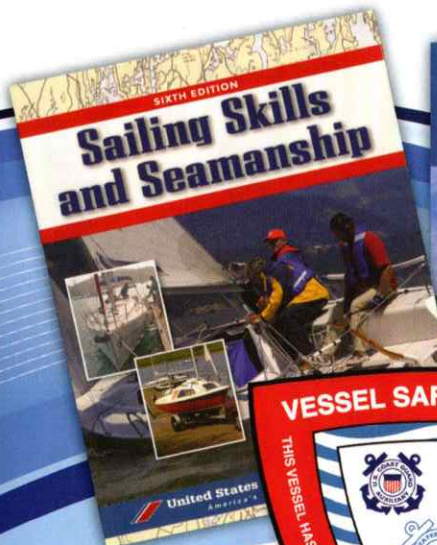
- Accident reporting
- Charts and aids
- Survival tips
- Fueling/fuel management
- Float plan
- Weather and water conditions
- Safe boating classes

What Does It Cost?

Absolutely nothing. The Vessel Safety Check is a free service provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Power Squadrons, and many state boating safety agencies.

How Do I Schedule a Vessel Safety Check for My Boat?

Use the contact information included on the reverse of this brochure, or visit www.SafetySeal.net to schedule a VSC with your local Vessel Examiner.



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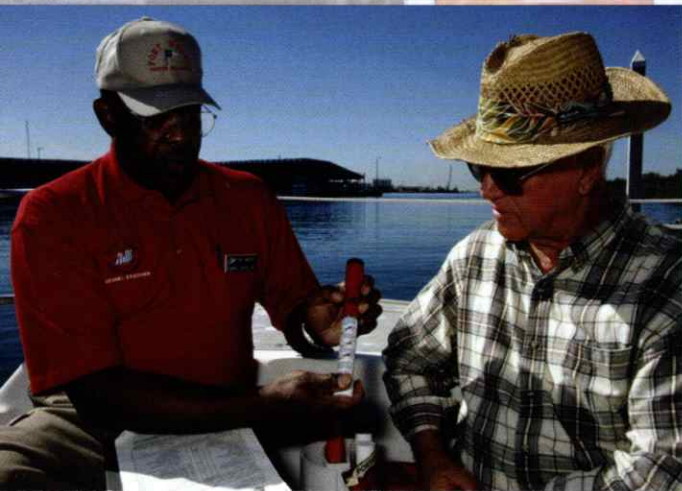
Your Safety
is Our Mission!

Vessel Safety Check Benefits

The purpose of the Vessel Safety Check program is two-fold: to ensure your craft is safe from bow to stern, and to add to your enjoyment of boating.

A Vessel Safety Check may help:

- ⚓ Prevent citations by ensuring your vessel meets federal, state, and local safety equipment requirements;
- ⚓ Identify possible equipment defects and costly breakdowns;
- ⚓ Increase safe boating practices to help you avoid accidents and injuries;
- ⚓ Provide a better understanding and use and care of your marine safety equipment.



Get started! Find a Vessel Examiner near you...



Contact:

To schedule a VSC check in the greater Portland area click link below.

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=013-02-01&category=safety-check-request>

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