

Fishing operation info aids rescuers

This safety checklist was adapted from earlier versions by Angela Sanfilippo, president, Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association, and Ann Backus, director of outreach, Harvard School of Public Health, March 2006.

1. To fisherman: Fill out completely and leave with a responsible person ashore. Please see the categories lists in the box at the end of the form.
2. To fisherman: Arrange with family members/friends a location where these pages will be kept for easy accessibility.
3. To family and friends: In the event that this vessel is 'overdue' please contact the nearest Coast Guard Station and give them all of this information. Local Coast Guard Station PHONE: _____



Name of Fisherman _____
 Owner Captain Crew _____
 Any known medical conditions? (please list) _____



Vessel Name _____
 Hull marking number (USCG Doc.# or State Reg.# or other) _____



Family member/person to call in emergency _____
 Phone _____



Owner (if different) _____ Phone _____
 Address _____



Skipper/Operator (if different) _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 Usual number of crew on board (including skipper) _____



Description of Vessel (attach picture of vessel)

by Ann Backus, MS

Director of Outreach

Department of Environmental Health
 Harvard School of Public Health, Boston MA

Phone (617) 432-3327;

E-mail <abackus@hsph.harvard.edu>



Theresa Delloff graphics



Safety and Survival Gear

EPIRB: Manual Automatic Is it registered? _____ Reg.# _____
 GPIRB: Manual Automatic Is it registered? _____ Reg.# _____
 Life Raft: Type _____ Manufacturer/Make _____
 Color _____ Canopy? Yes No Color of Canopy _____
 Capacity/Number of persons _____ Date last inspected _____



First Aid Kit on board vessel _____
 Does a crew member have First Aid training? _____

Yes No
 Yes No




Emergency Food and Water


Onboard vessel _____ Yes No
 Onboard life raft _____ Yes No





Readily Accessible Gear


Type	Quantity
Survival suits	_____
Life jackets	_____
Flares (gun) (not expired)	_____
Hand-held flares (not expired)	_____
Smoke signals	_____
Dye	_____
Fire extinguisher (charged)	_____
Mirror (can be metal)	_____

 Owner (if different) _____ Phone _____
Address _____

 Skipper/Operator (if different) _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Usual number of crew on board (including skipper) _____

 Description of Vessel (attach picture of vessel)
Type of Vessel (see below) _____ Year built _____
Length Overall (LOA) _____ feet Main Color _____
Construction (see below) _____
Power _____ HP Fuel _____ Engine _____
Draft _____ feet Special features _____

 Type of Fishing (see below) _____

 Communication and Navigation
VHF Radio Yes No Is it in working order? _____
Frequencies monitored _____
Handheld VHF Yes No Is it in working order? _____
Single Side Band Yes No Is it in working order? _____
Frequencies monitored _____
CB Radio Yes No Is it in working order? _____
Cell Phone Yes No Number _____
(Note: A cell phone is not a reliable means of communication on the ocean.)
Satellite Phone Yes No Number _____

Check which of the following equipment **is** on board:

Compass RADAR LORAN Depth Finder GPS VMS



Readily Accessible Gear

Type	Quantity
Survival suits	_____
Life jackets	_____
Flares (gun) (not expired)	_____
Hand-held flares (not expired)	_____
Smoke signals	_____
Dye	_____
Fire extinguisher (charged)	_____
Mirror (can be metal)	_____
Spotlight/MOB Light	_____
Ring buoy (marked) and rope	_____
Personal EPIRBs or GPIRBs	_____
(circle whether EPIRB or GPIRB)	_____



Other Safety Equipment (check all that are present onboard)

Anchor: Size/Type _____ Length of Rope/Chain _____
Bilge pumps (electric): Number _____ Total gallons/hour _____

Alarms in working order: Engine Bilge Fire
Fire suppression system in engine room



U.S. Coast Guard Dockside Exam? Yes No Date _____
U.S. Coast Guard Sticker? Yes No Date _____

✓ I have had a recent orientation to the vessel. Yes No
✓ I have tried on my survival suit recently AND KNOW IT FITS. Yes No
✓ My survival suit is stored on deck or in the pilot house, NOT below deck. Yes No
✓ In an emergency I could pilot the vessel. Yes No

Suggestions/choices for above categories under Description of Vessel

Type of Vessel: Skiff/Open, Center-console, Cuddy-cabin, Eastern rig, Trawler,
Western rig (house forward), Other _____

Construction: Wood, Fiberglass, Steel, Aluminum, Other _____

Power: _____ Horse power (HP); **Fuel:** Gasoline, Diesel; **Engine:** Inboard, Outboard, Inboard/Outboard

Type of Fishing: put down all that apply. Jig, Longline, Gillnet, Pot (trap), Drag, Trawl, Scottish Seine, Trolling, Other _____