

# 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)

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## 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
Capacity/Number of persons _____		Color of Canopy _____	
		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  
 Onboard life raft

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 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



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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 \_\_\_\_\_