

WAC 296-78-56505 Boats and mechanical devices on waters. (1)

The applicable provisions of the Standard for Fire Protection for Motorcraft, NFPA No. 302-1994, must be complied with. Prior to starting the boat motor, any spilled fuel must be removed and vapors must be exhausted from any area in which they may accumulate.

(2) The bilge area must be kept clean and oil, grease, fuel, or highly combustible materials must not be allowed to accumulate.

(3) Adequate ventilation equipment must be provided and used for the bilge area to prevent the accumulation of toxic or explosive gases or vapors.

(4) Adequate ventilation equipment must be provided and used for the cabin area on enclosed cabin-type boats to prevent an accumulation of harmful gases or vapors.

(5) Deck and cabin lighting must be provided and used where necessary to provide safe levels of illumination aboard boats. Boats operated during the period from sunset to sunrise, or in conditions of restricted visibility, must display navigation lights as required by the United States Coast Guard. Searchlights or floodlights must be provided to facilitate safe navigation and to illuminate working or boarding areas adjacent to the craft.

(6) Decks of pond boats must be covered with nonslip material. On craft used by workers wearing calked shoes, all areas where the operator or workers must stand or walk must be made of or be covered with wood or other suitable matting or nonslip material and such covering must be maintained in good condition.

(7) Each boat must be provided with a fire extinguisher and life ring with at least fifty feet of one-fourth inch line attached.

Note: For additional requirements relating to portable fire extinguishers see WAC 296-800-300.

(8) Along docks, walkways, or other fixed installations on or adjacent to open water more than five feet deep, approved life rings with at least ninety feet of one-fourth inch line attached, must be provided. The life rings must be spaced at intervals not to exceed two hundred feet and kept in easily visible and readily accessible locations.

(a) When employees are assigned work at other casual locations where exposure to drowning exists, at least one approved life ring with at least ninety feet of line attached, must be provided in the immediate vicinity of the work assigned.

(b) When work is assigned over water where the vertical drop from the accidental fall would exceed fifty feet, special arrangements must be made with and approved by the department of labor and industries prior to such assignment.

(c) Lines attached to life rings on fixed locations must be at least ninety feet in length, at least one-fourth inch in diameter, and have a minimum breaking strength of five hundred pounds. Similar lines attached to life rings on boats must be at least fifty feet in length.

(d) Life rings must be United States Coast Guard approved thirty-inch size.

(e) Life rings and attached lines must be provided and maintained to retain their buoyancy and strength.

(f) Log broncs, boomscooters, and boomboats must not be loaded with personnel or equipment so as to adversely affect their stability or seaworthiness.

(g) Boats must not be operated at an excessive speed or handled recklessly.

(h) Boat fuel must be transported and stored in approved containers. Refer to WAC 296-24-58501 for definition of approved.

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