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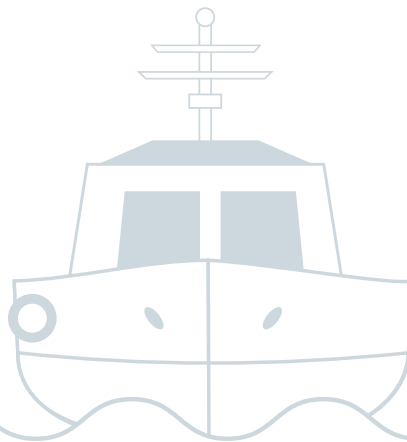
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## **THE BOAT SAFETY SCHEME**

The Boat Safety Scheme has a website with full information – visit <http://www.boatsafetyscheme.org>

The scheme is applicable to all vessels on UK inland waterways carrying fuel or fitted with domestic cooking, heating, refrigeration or lighting appliances.

There are possible exemptions for those covered by a Passenger Certificate or by a CE mark to the Recreational Craft Directive and under four years old.

## EXTINGUISHERS

Vessels are required to carry the extinguishers detailed below, which shall be of a type approved to BS EN 3 by BSI (or its European counterparts), LPCB or the BAFF scheme and carrying an approval mark such as the Kitemark or ships wheel.

Each extinguisher is to have a minimum fire rating of 5A/34B.

Length of vessel	Min no of extinguishers	Min combined fire rating of extinguishers
Up to 7m	2	10A/68B
7m - 11m	2	13A/89B
Over 11m	3	21A/144B

One fewer may be carried where the boat has either no engine or no cooking/heating/refrigeration/lighting/appliances installed.

Extinguishers which complied with the navigation authority's previous requirements but don't meet the above fire ratings do not have to be replaced until they become condemnable.

Any fixed firefighting system is in addition to extinguishers; it does not replace them. Any release mechanism must be outside the protected area.

## **SIGNS**

The extinguishers must be either visible, or indicated by a location sign. 'Visible' means not behind a curtain or cupboard door, even if this is usually open.

## **FIRE BLANKET**

If there are permanent cooking facilities other than a microwave oven, one fire blanket to BS EN 1869 is required.

It must be within about 2 metres of the main cooker and not where the user must reach over the cooker.

## **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS BUT NOT REQUIREMENTS ARE:**

- Annual service by a BAFE registered technician
- Mounting brackets for extinguishers
- Fixings for fire blankets
- Two means of escape. If the second one is not obvious, eg it is a hatch or window, use an exit sign.

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