

# BOATING REQUIREMENTS



## What is a boat?

Every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.



Boats with any type or size motor (gas, electric, or diesel) must be titled and registered in Oregon.

## Life Jackets

Life jackets come in different types and offer different flotation.



Offshore



Inland



Watersports



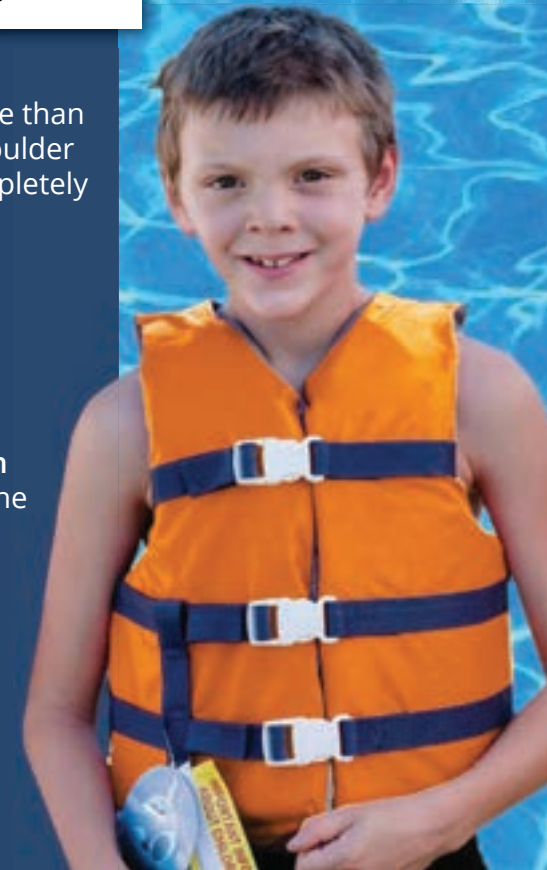
Special Use

Pick the right life jacket for the boating activity. Read the label for information on fit. All life jackets must be US Coast Guard approved, in good, serviceable condition, properly fitted for each person on board, and easy to grab to put on in an emergency.

## Proper Fit

- Should fit snugly
- Should not rise up more than one inch from your shoulder
- Zippers zipped-up completely
- Buckles fastened
- Straps tightened

Children 12 and younger must wear a properly fitting US Coast Guard approved life jacket when the boat is underway. If the life jacket has a strap that goes between the child's legs, buckle and adjust to make sure the child can sit comfortably and when standing, the strap is not too low.

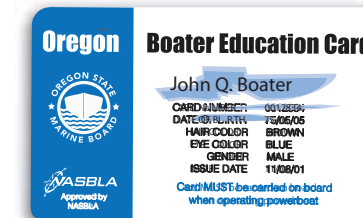


## Documentation

All motorized boats (gas, diesel, or electric) and sailboats 12 feet or longer must be titled and registered.



You must have a current decals on your boat and a current registration card while out boating.



You must have a boater education card if you are operating a boat greater than 10 hp.



You must have a valid waterway access permit if you are using a non-motorized boat 10 feet or longer.



This pamphlet is not a legal reference. It is not a complete statement of Oregon boating laws or rules. For further details of carriage requirements and for boats 26 feet and over, visit [www.BoatOregon.com](http://www.BoatOregon.com) or call (503) 378-8587.

## Boats less than 16 feet

Here are the carriage requirements for boats less than 16 feet. This includes personal watercraft (PWCs) and non-motorized boats.

### Life Jackets



One wearable life jacket. On PWCs, life jackets must be worn by everyone on board.

### Whistle/Air Horn



One whistle or compressed air horn per boat, or a manufacturer-installed boat horn.

### Navigation Lights



Must turn on when a boat is underway, at anchor between sunset and sunrise, or during times of restricted visibility.



Non-motorized boats: a white light lantern or flashlight to be shown in time to prevent an incident.

### Fire Extinguisher



One USCG approved extinguisher for motorboats with enclosed gas tanks, including PWCs.



## Boats 16 to less than 26 feet

Here are the carriage requirements for boats from 16 to less than 26 feet in length.

### Life Jackets



One wearable life jacket and one throwable device, immediately available.

### Whistle/Air Horn



One whistle or compressed air horn per boat, or a manufacturer-installed boat horn.

### Navigation Lights



Must turn on when a boat is underway, at anchor between sunset and sunrise, or during times of restricted visibility.

### Fire Extinguisher



One USCG approved extinguisher for motorboats with enclosed gas tanks.

