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A Vessel Safety Check is a bow to stern safety check of your boat conducted by trained vessel examiners designed to help you be safer on the water. This is a free, public service of the U.S. Coast Guard offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadrons, and some state providers.

Federal, state and local regulations require certain safety equipment be carried onboard your boat. Items such as fire extinguishers, life jackets, visual distress signals, backfire flame control, navigation lights, and proper display of numbers are just a few of the items checked.

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U.S. POWER SQUADRONS

Vessel Safety Checks help reduce accidents and injuries by educating the boater on the value and use of recreational boating safety equipment. Besides always wearing life jackets and not boating under the influence, operating safe boats in a safe manner is important for everyone. Some other topics discussed include accident reporting, local navigation charts, filing float plans, fueling, survival, weather and sea conditions, handling emergencies, formal boater education, and other safe practices on the water.

Get your FREE Vessel Safety Check today!

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