

Minimum Safety Requirements for MCA

Open Fishing Vessels 12-15m

- 1x Lifejacket **per person (+ 2 spares)**
- 2x Life Rings with buoyant line
- 3x Parachute Flares
- 2x Handheld Flares
- 1x Buoyant Smoke Signal
- 1x Fire Bucket
- 1x Multipurpose Fire Extinguisher (5A/34B)
- 1x Multipurpose Fire Extinguisher (13A/113B)
- 1x Fire Blanket (if vessel has galley or cooking area)
- 1x EPIRB with built-in GPS (**From 23/10/19 on existing vessels**)
- 1x VHF Radio – DSC Fixed and Handheld
- 1x Personal Floatation Device **per person** (*Mandatory unless written risk assessment can demonstrate that the risk of going overboard has been eliminated*)
- 1x Bilge Alarm 12v & 24v Options
- 1x Compass
- 1x Waterproof Torch
- 1x First Aid/Medical Kit CAT C
- Radar Reflector (Stand or Tube Options)
- CO₂ Alarm

For suitable products to meet these requirements, please visit:

www.gaelforcemarine.co.uk/en/MCA-Requirements---Open-Fishing-Vessels-12-15m/cc-76.aspx

Not included in the product list above:

- Life raft(s) with sufficient capacity for all persons on board (dependent on crew size) – see www.gaelforcemarine.co.uk/en/Liferafts/c-107.aspx
 - The type of life raft required depends on the distance from a safe haven based on operating miles (**From 23/10/2019 for existing vessels**)
- 1x Fire Pump or Hose
- Bilge pump (dependent on current set up) – see www.gaelforcemarine.co.uk/en/Bilge-Pumps/c-35.aspx
- Approved navigation lights and sound signals (dependent on current set up) – see www.gaelforcemarine.co.uk/en/Navigation-Lights/c-122.aspx
- Anchor and cable/warp (dependent on current set up).
- Approved Stability book in accordance with MGN 281 for New Vessels only.

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