FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PADDLE CRAFT  
(AS OF 23 MAY 2008)

The following items are required minimum equipment for paddle craft:

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**LIFE JACKETS (PFD’s)**

1 Type 1, II, III or V Life Jacket is required for each Person on Board, Type V must be worn in accordance with label directions.

Children under 13 must wear PFD (Life Jacket) (if the state has established wear requirements they take precedence over Federal Requirements)

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**SOUND PRODUCING DEVICE**

Some Means of making an efficient signal is required.

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**VISUAL DISTRESS DEVICE**

If operating between sunset and sunrise must carry a Visual Distress Signal suitable for night use – either 1 electric light (flashlight) or 3 combination day/night flares.

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**NAVIGATION LIGHTS**

If operating between sunset and sunrise, or in restricted visibility, 1 white light (flashlight acceptable) or Navigation lights for a sailing vessel.

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**ANCHORING LIGHTS**

Not required unless anchoring in or near a narrow channel or fairway, or in restricted visibility – 1 all around white light.