

# PRE-DEPLOYMENT SAFETY CHECKLIST

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Do you have a valid USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examination Decal?	_____	_____
Do you have an operable EPIRB (must have valid hydrostatic release batteries)?	_____	_____
Do you have sufficient immersion suits and personal flotation devices?	_____	_____
Do you have a survival craft with sufficient capacity for all crew (including observer), with a current decal, inspection, and hydrostatic release?	_____	_____
Do you have valid emergency signaling flares?	_____	_____

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