



Diving Boat Checklist

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DIVING BOAT, GENERAL

1. (DB01) Is there a Diving Boat Safety Check List posted (locally generated)?

References: OPNAVINST 3120.32D
NSTM 583, Boats and Small Craft

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☐ PMS
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2. (DB02) Is there a stainless-steel label plate fixed to the boat with minimal information stamped boat design, manufacturer, and maximum capacity?

Reference: NSTM 583, Boats and Small Craft

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BASIC REQUIRMENTS

3. (DB03) Are the bilges clean and free of excessive rust and fire hazards?

Reference: Applicable PMS

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4. (DB04) Is the boat equipped with an installed/portable bilge pump and do they operate satisfactorily?

Reference: NSTM 583, Boats and Small Craft

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5. (DB05) Is a fire extinguisher installed and properly maintained?

References: OPNAVINST 5100.19F
U.S. Navy Diving Manual

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6. (DB06) Is secondary steering system or emergency tiller available? Does it operate satisfactorily?

Reference: NSTM 583, Boats and Small Craft

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7. (DB07) Is the boat equipped with a secondary source of propulsion (i.e. paddle, second engine)?

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8. (DB08) Is the boat equipped with either a portable or installed VHF radio?

References: NTTP 3-50.1
USCG Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook

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9. (DB09) Is emergency lighting available?

Reference: USCG Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook

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10. (DB10) Are fuel remote shut-off valve reach rods installed and operable?

Reference: Applicable PMS

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11. (DB11) Are boats with outboard engines equipped with emergency engine cutoff switches?

References: Manufacturer's Tech Manual
Applicable PMS

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12. (DB12) Are fueling instructions posted?

References: OPNAVINST 5100.19F
OPNAVINST 3120.32D

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13. (DB13) Is a horn installed and operable?

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USCG Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook
NSTM 583, Boats and Small Craft

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14. (DB14) Are navigational and task lights installed and in the proper configuration?

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15. (DB15) Are life jackets available for all members of the crew and passengers and are they fully functional?

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OPNAVINST 3120.32D
NSTM 583, Boats and Small Craft
USCG Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook
Applicable PMS

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16. (DB16) Does the boat have an 18-inch or 24-inch life-ring available?

References: OPNAVINST 5100.19F
OPNAVINST 3120.32D

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17. (DB17) Does the boat have an anchor and the correct scope of line/chain for the mission? Is the chain locker readily accessible?

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MAINTENANCE

18. (DB18) Has applicable maintenance been performed on boat engines? Is there an effective means of tracking hours?

Reference: Applicable PMS

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19. (DB19) Has applicable maintenance been performed on small boat equipment per PMS to include appendages, bearing, cleats, transom, bulkheads, superstructure and hull bottom?

Reference: Applicable PMS

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20. (DB20) Are inflatable boats in satisfactory condition and has applicable maintenance been performed per PMS?

References: NSTM 583, Boats and Small Craft
Applicable PMS

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21. (DB21) Are shore power cables in satisfactory condition and has all applicable maintenance been performed per PMS?

Reference: Applicable PMS

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22. (DB23) Has applicable maintenance been performed on boat trailers? Is there an effective means of tracking mileage?

References: OPNAVINST 3120.32D
NSTM 583, Boats and Small Craft
Applicable PMS

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23. (DB24) Is any equipment that is out of commission, out of maintenance periodicity, or otherwise unsafe, tagged out to prevent use?

References: OPNAVINST 5100.23H
OPNAV M-5100.23
S 0400-AD-URM-010/TUM
OPNAVINST 3150.27D

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24. (DB25) Is a Preventive Maintenance System (PMS) program implemented for all Boat and Boat support equipment? If not, has a feedback report been submitted for all equipment not covered?

References: OPNAVINST 3120.32D
NAVSEAINST 4790.8D
U.S. Navy Diving Manual

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25. (DB26) Is Boat equipment serialized for tracking in SKED? Is the equipment appropriately listed in SKED on single line items?

Reference: NAVSEAINST 4790.8D

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26. (DB27) Is maintenance correctly anchored for periodicity in SKED or tracked on a separate document (I.E. excel spread sheet, status board)?

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DIVING BOAT

COMMAND NAME:

LOCATION:

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DATE:

SURVEYOR(S):

NO. COMPLETE:

NO. REQ ACTION:

NOT APPLICABLE: