

Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007

(2) For category E and R power-driven vessels not exceeding 15 horsepower and category D, E and R sailing dinghies and non power-driven vessels of less than seven meters in overall length, the following items of safety appliances and equipment are prescribed, as a minimum, for each of the specified categories of vessel, to be available on board in good working condition:

Safety item No.	Description of safety appliances and equipment	Category of vessel					Additional remarks
		A	B	C	D	E&R	
1	Approved buoyancy aid*	—	—	—	X	X	One buoyancy aid of appropriate size to be provided for each person on board. * Buoyancy aid to be tested to the compulsory performance standard and comply with quality standard specification SABS 1417/1987, or the equivalent CE or ISO standard.
2	750 ml drinking water	—	—	—	X	X	Only required for vessels operating at sea. Not required for sailboards.
3	Unexpired approved	—	—	—	X	X	Minimum of 6 flares. Not required for category R vessels, which should carry any alternative means of communication.
4	Suitable tow line	—	—	—	X	X	Not less than 10 m in length. Not required for sailboards.
5	Bailing device	—	—	—	X	X	Only on vessels that are not self draining.

(a) its capability to operate properly, particularly its ability to float free (where required) in the event of the vessel sinking;

(b) how secure it is in its mounting; and