# Are you aware of what the National Small Vessel Safety Regulations require of you?



The Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007, place the onus on the owner and in some cases the master as well, to ENSURE that the vessel and the crew comply with the requirements of the regulations at all times.

The SAMSA surveyors do NOT replace the owners and crew in matters of safety and their main function is to ensure that the owner, master and crew are in fact making reasonable efforts to apply regulations and maintain safety standards.

To assist the vessel's owner, owner's representative or skipper to manage safety aboard, the following checklist (and guideline) has been compiled for your attention.

The checklist is to be checked and completed prior the safety survey by the Owner or Skipper and any deficiencies noted to be rectified prior to the safety survey.

Please note that this document only covers the main issues, copies of the regulations and the amendments are published in both English and Afrikaans and may be purchased in Gazette form from the Government Printer, however, electronic copies (i.e. English text and already corrected with the latest amendments) of the regulations may be accessed from the SAMSA website: <a href="http://www.samsa.org.za/content/boating">http://www.samsa.org.za/content/boating</a>

### **APPLICATION: Power Driven Category C Pleasure vessels [>15hp]**

**Definitions:** 

**Category C**: vessels operating less than 15 nautical miles from shore **Power Driven**: a vessel propelled primarily by mechanical means

>15hp: means total engine power of more than 15hp, but not equal to 15hp

**Pleasure vessel:** a vessel that is used solely for sport or recreation

**Commercial vessel:** a vessel that is not a pleasure vessel

#### Owner(s) Declaration:

I owner/skipper/responsible person of the vessel have read and completed this checklist in preparation for the vessel's Local General Safety Survey/Certificate of Fitness Inspection.

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Date
ments (if any).

#### WHO SHOULD SURVEY YOUR VESSEL?

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- SAMSA Employed Surveyors Surveyors permanently employed by SAMSA for the execution of SAMSA's responsibility's
- SAMSA Appointed Surveyors Surveyors appointed by SAMSA to carry out surveys of small vessels on behalf of SAMSA.
- Authorised Agency Safety Officers Safety officers appointed by Authorised Agency's. Survey of Pleasure vessels.

Description	Pleasure Vessels ≥ 9m but < 24m [100GT] (Certificate of Fitness)			Pleasure Vessels < 9m (Certificate of Fitness)			< 9m (1) SAMSA surveyors would		
Description	New Constr- uction	Initial Survey	Periodic Survey	New Constr- uction	Initial Survey	Periodic Survey	normally not carry out these surveys which should be carried out by "Appointed Surveyors" or "Safety		
SAMSA Employed Surveyor	NR <sup>(5)</sup>	х	X <sup>(2)</sup>	NR <sup>(5)</sup>	X <sup>(2)</sup>	X <sup>(2)</sup>	Officers"		
SAMSA Appointed surveyor <sup>(3)</sup>	NR <sup>(5)</sup>	х	Х	NR <sup>(5)</sup>	х	Х	(5) Attendance during construction of pleasure boats is <b>n</b> ot <b>r</b> egulated (NR).		
Authorised Agency Appointed Safety Officer		х	х	NR <sup>(5)</sup>	х	Х			

Vessel and Owner Particulars					
Name of Vessel					
Category of operation	Cat B	Cat C	Cat D	Cat E	Cat R
Pleasure = Sport and/or Recreation	Cat B	Cat C	Cat D	Cat L	Catin
Approved Marking					
Operational Limits					
Operational Home Port					
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Length of Vessel					
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Maximum number of persons permitted to be					
carried onboard					
Colour of hull and deck					
Make and model of vessel and engines					
Name of Owner					
ID Number of owner or					
company registration number					
Address of owner					
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Telephone number of owner					
Email Address					

#### **USE OF CHECKLISTS – Pleasure vessels**

Surveyors and Safety Officers must receive a completed copy of the checklist at or before the time of survey. Pages 1 and 2 of the checklist must be retained by the surveyor/safety officer that conducts the survey/inspection. Pages 3 to 6 must be retained by the boat owner for guidance and future reference.

#### HAVE YOU PROVIDED SAFE ACCESS TO YOUR VESSEL?

Owners and skippers are advised that SAMSA regards the non-provision of safe access to vessels in a serious light. Safe access is a requirement for ALL persons requiring access to vessels (not just surveyors). SAMSA surveyors are instructed to issue a PROHIBITION ORDER where safe access is not provided. All work on board is to be stopped until safe access is provided to the satisfaction of the surveyor. (Merchant Shipping Act, 57 of 1951 section 9(5))

Competent and Respons	ible Manning – Pleasure Vessels	٧
Crewing	The vessel has to be under the constant guidance of a person holding an appropriately	
Regulation 14	endorsed Certificate of Competence.	
	This certificate of competence (or a certified copy) must be available for inspection at all reasonable times.	
Manning	In addition to having a qualified skipper on board, the owner must ensure that the	
Regulation 14	vessel is sufficiently and efficiently manned. There are to be sufficient competent	
	persons on board with regards to the requirements of other safety provisions, i.e.	
	such as keeping a proper lookout and the manning (minimum number of crew) of the	
Essential Safety Information	vessel.  On EVERY occasion and BEFORE the vessel goes to sea;	
Regulation 7	On Every occasion and before the vessel goes to sea,	
	1. All skippers MUST ensure that every person aboard receives essential and	
	appropriate safety information; such as the location of the safety appliances and	
	equipment aboard as well as instruction in the use of such items.	
	All skippers MUST ensure that the safety appliances and equipment are inspected,	
	fit and ready for use.	
Fuel reserve	A reserve of not less than 25% over and above the requirement for the intended	
Regulation 8	voyage	
Operational Limits	No person may operate a vessel beyond the distance from shore for the category it is	
Regulation 10	licensed.	
Carrying persons in excess	It is illegal to exceed the number of persons specified on the vessel's safety certificate,	
Regulation 11	except in an emergency such as in the case of a search and rescue operation.	
Voyage information	Before a vessel goes to sea, the particulars of the vessel and the names of the crew	
Regulation 12	are to be left with the harbour master, at the launch site, or in certain cases, relatives,	
	a police station or responsible person. However, where local authorities or authorized	
	agents have implemented reporting mechanisms, these shall be complied with. Upon	
	returning from sea or the voyage, the person or authorities with whom the voyage information were left, must be informed accordingly.	
Assisting vessels in distress and	It is the duty of a skipper to report dangers to navigation and assist vessels in distress.	
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Physical and mental fitness	No person may operate a vessel or vessel's equipment whilst under the influence of	
Regulation 17	alcohol or drugs.	
	(Maximum of 0, 05 gram/100 ml alcohol in blood or 0, 24 mg/1000 ml alcohol in	
	breath). No person may refuse that a specimen of blood or breath be taken.	
	No person may operate a vessel if he/she is not physically able to do so and/or of sound mental health.	
Requirements for water-skiing	Water-skiing is only allowed in areas indicated by the regulating authority and it is not	
Regulation 36	allowed at night;	
	The towing vessel may not use a steel or other metallic rope;	
	In addition to the skipper, there must be a competent person in the towing boat	
	observing the water-skier;	
	The towing vessel may not follow closer than 100 metres in the wake of another	
	towing vessel - towing a skier, person, aquatic or airborne device.  A water-skier:	
	- must wear a suitable buoyancy aid and must have knowledge of the standard hand	
	signals in use;	
	- may not purposefully let go of the rope in congested areas;	1
	- may not create a nuisance or danger for other water users.	1

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREM	1ENTS – Annex 1	٧
CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS Regulation 6	It is an offence to sell a vessel which does not comply with the construction requirements except where accompanied by a letter or certificate detailing the	
S	extent to which the vessel does not or cannot comply.	
PLANS	Photographs and a buoyancy certificate are required in lieu of detailed plans.	
Regulation 4		
DOCKING/SLIPPING	COF Annual Checks:	
Regulation 5	<u>Trailer-borne vessels:</u> Ensure the vessel's structure, equipment, appliances	
Regulation 23	arrangements and material continues to be in compliance with the regulations.	
Initial inspections for COF will require	Non-trailer-borne vessels: Owners are required to maintain their vessels in a safe	
the external structure and fittings of	condition and document their efforts to do so [see: HULL INSPECTIPON RECORD].	
the vessel to be inspected by the	Surveyors and Safety Officers may require vessels to be removed from the water	
surveyor.	for external hull inspection, if the condition of the vessels hull or fittings requires	
SUFFICIENT RESERVE POSITIVE	additional inspection at the time of annual survey.  Careful consideration of vessel stability required when considering modifications to	
STABILITY	the vessel or changes in the vessels operation which increase the load carried by	
Regulation 6	the vessel.	
INGRESS OF WATER	Decked vessels shall not have any point of possible ingress of water, except for	
Regulation 6	scuppers, less than 200 mm above the surface of the water.	
<u> </u>	Careful consideration required when modifications to scupper arrangements are	
	considered. (Changes to as-built arrangements.)	
COLOUR OF DECK	To assist with search and rescue, the deck is to be painted or pigmented in a colour	
Regulation 9	which is readily visible from above in any sea condition. (Or the vessel may carry a	
	pigmented canvas extending the full the width of the vessel, but not less than 2m x	
NAVIGATION LIGHTS	2m).  Any vessel going to sea at night must have properly fitted navigation lights in	
Collision Regulations	accordance with the International Collision Regulations.	
comsion regulations	Lights must be of an approved type; must show the correct sectors; wiring to be	
	neat, secured and waterproof.	
KILL SWITCH	To be fitted on power driven vessels of more than 15HP outboard engines of 9	
Reg 7(5) and (6)	metres or less in overall length	
	To be attached to the skipper or operator at all times <u>except</u> when launching or	
	beaching the vessel through surf.	
BUILT-IN BUOYANCY	Buoyancy: The hypersulation must be careble of keeping the vessel affect when fully	
Paragraph 1	The buoyancy provided must be capable of keeping the vessel afloat when fully flooded, swamped or capsized, and, provide a platform upon which the full	
	complement can be secured.	
Policy: Marine Notice 8 of 2012	Built-in buoyancy:	
To be fitted where life-rafts are not	Built-in buoyancy must consist of a material such as foam, or approved plastic	
<u>carrie</u> d.	bottles that are not affected by water, oil or oil products to the satisfaction of the	
Vessels are required to be provided	authority.	
with buoyancy certificates, confirming the provision of built-in		
buoyancy. These certificates are	For wooden or GRP vessels the industry norm is that the volume displaced by the	
required to be kept onboard with the	buoyancy provide inside the vessel must represent a figure of 60% of the gross	
COF and to be presented at the time	weight of the vessel.	
of survey or when requested by an	One compartment fleeding:	
enforcement officer.	One compartment flooding:	
	In lieu of built in buoyancy, decked vessels (the larger displacement vessels) may	
Exceptions:	have at least two watertight bulkheads, so positioned and of such strength, that in	
	the event that the largest compartment being flooded, the vessel will remain afloat	
<ul> <li>Vessels participating in an organised event under the</li> </ul>	with positive transverse stability. (In the worst envisaged load condition!)	
auspices of an authorised	Inflatable vessels:	
agency are exempted only		
for the duration of the	Inflatable vessels of any category whether fully inflatable or semi-rigid, may in lieu of fitted buoyancy be constructed with at least 3 separate buoyancy chambers and	
event.	have the capacity to stay afloat despite the largest two of the chambers being	
	completely deflated. The hull of a semi-rigid inflatable is not considered to be one	
	of the 3 buoyancy chambers required.	
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Hatches on deck	Hatches on the open deck must be provided with hatch covers that are watertight
Paragraph 2	when dogged down. Special care is to be given to flush deck hatches.
	All watertight hatches should be able to withstand a hose test.
	Where a fishing hatch can be opened to the sea, the cover must be capable of
	being secured in an emergency.
Guard rails	All open decks or walk ways on <u>power driven vessels</u> should be protected as
(Paragraph 3)	follows:
	Vessels 9 metres or more - 600 mm high
	Vessels less than 9 metres - 450 mm, high
	Surf operated vessels are exempted if they have bulwarks at least 450 mm forward
	and 300 mm aft.
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	<u>Vessels with cabin tops</u> which extend nearly to the ship's side, with a crew access
	forward are exempt if provided with a toe rail of at least 50 mm along the outer
	edge of the deck and substantial, secure handrail on each side of the cabin.
Towing arrangements	Every vessel must be provided with an efficient means of securing a tow rope or
Paragraph 4	anchor cable. Arrangements provided forward and aft.
	(Capability to tow and to be towed)
Underwater hull fitting	Inlet and discharge pipes attached to the <u>underwater</u> part of the hull must be
Paragraph 5	properly flanged to the hull and provided with a valve or shut-off cock inserted in
	the line as close as possible to the hull.
	<u>Definition of underwater:</u> The maximum loaded waterline when the vessel is
Manakilah ama	heeled to 7 deg for power driven vessels and the sheer line
Ventilators	Vents serving engine or accommodation spaces to be provided with proper closing
Paragraph 6	devices or water traps to prevent water ingress into the compartment.  Vents serving only engine spaces must be able to shut off air flow in case of fire.
Engine power	Every motorised and passenger vessel must have an engine capable of propelling
Paragraph 7	the vessel in its fully loaded condition at a speed of at least 5 knots.
. aragrapii i	If operating in a surf, each engine must be capable of propelling the vessel at a safe
	speed when operating in surf conditions. (rough conditions)
Number of engines	If outboard propulsion is used, the vessel must be provided with at least two
Paragraph 7	outboard engines.
Inboard Petrol Engines	Engine installed in a compartment protected from spray and flooding and is
(Paragraph 7 (4))	adequately ventilated
	Manual bilge pump fitted in engine compartment
	Battery to be stowed outside of engine bay, protected by spray and flooding
	Marinised carburettor with flash arrester fitted
	Sparkless alternator and starter
	Flameproof extractor fitted to engine bay, runs for 30s before engine starts  Remote controlled fire extinguishing system
	Auxiliary outboard fitted
Exhaust Pipes and Silencers	Water cooled or lagged.
Paragraph 7(5)	
Fuel tanks	To be efficiently secured and constructed of suitable material;
(Paragraph 8)	Outlets of built in tanks to have shut off valves (or approved automatic shut off or
	anti-siphoning devices). If not readily accessible the valves should be able to be
	operated remotely;
	Filler pipes must have threaded plugs or caps. Only non corrosive materials may be
	used;
	Breather pipes should not leak even if the vessel is heeled to 50°;
	Fuel levels should be able to be determined and where gauge glasses are fitted,
	they must be fitted with self closing valves; All fuel tanks holding PETROL must be fitted or stored outside engine and battery compartments.

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Electrical installations	Vessel to be provided with at least two identical banks of batteries. If engines are	
(Paragraph 9)	provided with hand start arrangements only one bank of batteries may be fitted.	
(Motor driven vessels)		
	A suitable battery charging appliance must be provided for each bank of batteries;	
	If there is more then one engine, then each engine must be provided with a battery	
	charging appliance capable of charging both banks of batteries.	
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	A single bank of batteries must be capable of providing 12 hours auxiliary power for	
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	navigation lights, electric bilge pumps (if provided) and fixed radio equipment.	
	Installation to conform to good marine practice.	
Emergency steering	Fitted except where steered by means of a tiller. May be portable but must be	
Annex 1	accessible for rapid attachment)	
Para 10	Alternative emergency steering to be practical and demonstrated.	
Bilge pumping arrangements (motor	ONLY applies to vessels without self draining decks (exceptions for ski-boats and	
vessels)	inflatable boats, sailing or rowing dinghies)	
<u> </u>	Where vessels over 7m in length are fitted with <u>an inboard main engine</u> , the bilge	
One (1) newer driven hilde nums	pump must be driven by the main engine. If the main engine cannot act as the	
One (1) power driven bilge pump		
(capacity 3000 litres per hour)	prime mover, the pump may be electrically powered. In addition the vessels must	
	be fitted with a hand operated bilge pump situated above the main deck.	
One (1) hand operated pump		
(capacity 2000 litres per hour)	Other power driven vessels over 7m in length must have at least two hand-	
	operated bilge pumps, one installed below deck and the other above deck.	
	Vessels under 7m in length must be fitted at least one hand operated pump	
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	All bilge pumps must be fitted with piping arrangements, valves, suction and	
	strainers for pumping out all compartments except for the fish hatch, (if it can be	
	flooded and the vessel still maintains positive stability or adequate buoyancy).	
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	Underwater discharges need sufficient non-return valves fitted to prevent back	
	flooding;	
	Portable pump levers to be kept in a readily accessible space as near to the pump	
	as possible. (In the case of pumps above deck, then in a locker above deck)	
Visibility at steering position	Clear visibility, through safety-toughened clear glass (i.e. not through opaque and	
(Paragraph 12)	starred plastic), forward, from two points abaft the beam on each side (112½° to	
(	port and stbd of the centre line) or out in the open. Protection of glare from the	
	sun may be afforded by portable tinted screens (or the roll-down type) and <u>not</u>	
Maintenance of the Line II	fixed/stuck to the glass.	
Maintenance of propulsion and	Periodically serviced and maintained according to the manufacturers specifications	
steering machinery	by competent persons.	
(Paragraph 13)		
Gas appliances	The device must be maintained in good working order at all times.	
(Paragraph 15)		
Dive boats	ONLY applies to diving vessels.	
(Paragraph 17)	If operated through the surf, fitted with adequate seating and grab points other	
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	To provide adequately secured racks for accommodating all the dive tanks.	

## SAFETY APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT: Category C Power Driven Pleasure Annexure 2 of National Small Vessel Safety Regulations, 2007.

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21	Depth sounding device or hand	ONLY required on dive boats
	lead line	
22	Steering Magnetic Compass	Compass to be illuminated on vessels operating at night.
24	Suitable approved fire extinguishers	One <u>per engine</u> , and, in decked vessels of 9 (nine) metres or more in length, one (1) in each compartment formed by a complete transverse bulkhead (e.g. galley, sleeping accommodation and wheelhouse).  Serviced annually by an approved DOTFAS or SABS accredited service station.  See latest Marine Notice for SAMSA approved DOTFAS Stations
27	Grab-line fitted to outside of gunwale	Required ONLY for dive boats. Not required for vessels equipped with a secured boarding ladder extending into the water.
28	Capsize rope for use when vessel is inverted in the water	ONLY for inflatable vessels and ski-boats less than 9 (nine) metres in overall length.  Rope to be attached when proceeding to sea.
31	Suitable sea-anchor, fitted with hawser and tripping line (rigged and ready for use)	ONLY required on surf launched vessels of less than 9 (nine) metres in overall length.
32	Proper <u>patent</u> anchor and chain, with a suitable length of rope for the area of operation	Length of chain:  Vessels of 6 (six) metres and more - at least 5 (five) metres  Vessels under 6 (six) metres - at least 3 metres  Length of Rope:  At least 100 metres
33	Watertight capsize bottle attached to vessel with rope readily accessible in event of capsize	Containing flares, survival and emergency equipment. The rope length must not be less than 1.5 times the length of the vessel and manufactured to be non-slip.
34	Space blankets	2 off
35	Drinking water	One litre per person
36	First-aid kit	To be suitable for the vessel's size, compliment and intended operation, to the satisfaction of the surveyor or safety officer.  To include an elementary first-aid manual such as the publication entitled First on the Scene, published by St Johns Ambulance.
37	Suitable air bellows and repair kit	ONLY required on inflatable vessels
38	SAMSA Approved self inflating life- raft capable of carrying all persons aboard	Life-raft ONLY required if built in buoyancy, one compartment flooding or two chamber flooding (Inflatables) is NOT provided.  If carried: Stowed on deck or in a readily accessible position. Commercial vessels the raft must be serviced annually by an approved life-raft servicing agent. Pleasure vessels the raft must be serviced according to the manufacturers' instructions. It is strongly recommended that life-rafts be fitted with hydrostatic release units Refer to the latest Marine Notice regarding provision of life-rafts
39	Spares	Adequate for the purpose of carrying out emergency repairs to machinery and essential equipment aboard.
40	Tools	Adequate for the purpose of carrying out emergency repairs to machinery and essential equipment aboard.
41	Highly visible 2m x 2m canvas	Only applies to vessels not painted in visible colours.  To be pigmented in a colour which is readily visible from above in any sea condition.  (Or the vessel may carry a pigmented canvas extending the full the width of the vessel, but not less than 2m x 2m).
Annex 2 Para 3(1)	Marking of equipment	All life-jackets, buoyancy aids, life-buoys, Dan-buoys, flares, oars, paddles and life-rafts are to be permanently marked with the vessel's name or "approved marking".
Annex 2 Para 3(2)	Marking of trailer	Where any vessel is launched from a trailer other than a dolly at a private launching site the trailer must be marked in a conspicuous position, with the vessel's name, or approved marking and with the owner's name and emergency contact number.