

Vessel Registration Form

**Contact Info**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vessel Info**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hull ID

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Serial

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment Date, Time and Location

**Life Jacket Laws**

State Law requires that all children under 13 years of age wear a Type I, II, III or V U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket while on board a vessel that is 26 feet or less in length while the vessel is underway.

Exceptions:

On a sailboat, if the child is restrained by a harness tethered to the sailboat.

If the child is in an enclosed cabin.

Recommended Use

Children, the elderly and non-swimmers should always wear their life jackets while the boat is underway. In rough water it is recommended that everyone on board wear a life jacket.

When boating in cold water, life jackets should be worn **at all times**. Cold water can numb the extremities and slow reflexes almost immediately. Should you fall into cold water, you may not have the opportunity or the ability to put on a life jacket.

Each passenger should know where the life jackets are located and should know how to put them on properly.



<http://www.dbw.ca.gov/>

# Marin County Sheriff's Office



# Vessel Safety Inspection Program

[www.MarinSheriff.org](http://www.MarinSheriff.org)

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### Why receive a vessel safety check?

For public safety. Knowing when you get underway that you meet all state and federal safety standards will give you peace of mind while boating.

It's knowing that in an emergency you will have the necessary equipment to save lives and summon help. Additionally, you can reduce the Likelihood of a fine by ensuring you have all of your Required safety equipment by getting this safety check.

In some cases, insurance companies offer discounts for vessels which undergo an annual vessel safety check. All decals and safety checks are void should the operator/owner fail to maintain the vessels equipment or the vessel itself to the standard at the time of the safety check.

Are you ready to get started on your path to safer boating? Schedule an appointment today by e-mailing or calling the following numbers:

Deputy David Stires  
Deputy Kyle Couture  
Email: [marinepatrol@marinsheriff.org](mailto:marinepatrol@marinsheriff.org)

Inspection Days: Friday – Mon, 8 am to 12 pm

### How it works

Make an appointment with the Marin County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol. Once an appointment has been made, a deputy will come to your marina or dock to inspect your vessel for the required safety equipment. Bring this pamphlet with all of your information on it to ensure a quick inspection.

Vessels passing the safety checks are awarded a Marin County Sheriff's Decal that informs:

US Coast Guard  
Harbor Patrol  
Local Sheriffs and Police  
Other boating law-enforcement

The boat was in full compliance with all federal and state boating laws during a safety check for the specific registration year. Best of all every vessel safety check is 100% free of charge!

If your vessel does not pass, no citation will be issued at that time. Instead, we will inform you how to fix the issue. If you are able to fix the issue at the time of the inspection you will receive the decal.



### In Case of Emergency

Make sure all occupants are wearing their life jackets  
Call U.S. Coast Guard on **Channel 16 VHF-FM** (156.8 MHz)

Emergency Radio Call Procedures:

1. Make sure radio is on
2. Select channel 16
3. Press/hold the transmit button
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY" 3 times
5. Also give: - Vessel name/description  
- Position and/or location  
- Nature of emergency  
- Number of people on board
6. Release transmit button
7. Wait for 10 seconds - Repeat

*\* Intentional hoax calls are a criminal offense and subject to prosecution.*

Common emergency phrases used by the US Coast Guard Are:

Pan-Pan – This is used to broadcast urgent Information, such as a person overboard, boating accident or medical assistance is needed.

Securite – This is a safety broadcast to all boaters. This is commonly used to broadcast hazards of Navigation.

**\*Radio Checks are not permitted on Channel 16.**