

SAFETY INFORMATION NOTICE

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FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION

Issue:

Regular inspections of fire extinguishers may ensure that they are maintained and ready for use.

Notice:

Fire extinguishers are recommended to be inspected at least every six months. All extinguishers other than carbon dioxide have a pressure gauge indicating their state of charge, and a security seal on the trigger. They should be free of corrosion, and recharged if the seal is broken or the gauge is not in the green sector of the scale. The nozzle should be checked to ensure that it is clear. A dry chemical extinguisher should be taken from its bracket and shaken to prevent the powder inside from compacting. A carbon dioxide extinguisher needs to be checked by weight and recharged if there has been a loss of more than 10 per cent of the net weight.

A more thorough check by a competent person is recommended to be carried out annually and every few years when an extinguisher requires a discharge, refill, pressure test or replacement.

More than two, or higher rating extinguishers may be required depending upon the size and layout of the boat.

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