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Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations

Standing Committee on

Quebec Fishing Vessel Safety

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Marine Safety

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Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations

- ✓ The Regulations came into force on **July 13th 2017**
- ✓ The grace period granted to comply is over

All fishing vessels must comply for the next fishing season (2018)

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Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations

Hull Length

The distance from the forward end of the foremost outside surface of the hull shell to the aft end of the aftermost outside surface of the hull shell

- Platforms are included unless they are detachable

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Written Safety Procedures

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

- Establish written safety procedures to familiarize persons on board with:
  - Location and use of safety equipment
  - Measures to protect persons on board
  - Measures to prevent fires and explosions
  - Measures to maintain watertightness
  - Measures to ensure safe loading and unloading

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Drills on the Safety Procedures

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

- Obligation to perform drills on the safety procedures

Frequency? Not defined

« To ensure that the crew is at all times proficient in carrying out those procedures »

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Record of Drills

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

- Maintain records of every drill on the safety procedures
- Keep records for a period of 7 years

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Maintenance Record

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

- Maintain records on the maintenance of the vessel and of its machinery and equipment
- Keep records for a period of 7 years

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Recod of Modifications

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

that has undergone a stability assessment

- Maintain records of modifications that affect the stability of the vessel
- Keep records until the vessel undergoes a new stability assessment that takes into account the modifications

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Prohibition

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

Safety of persons jeopardized

- **No person shall operate** a fishing vessel in environmental conditions **or** circumstances that could jeopardize the safety of persons on board, **unless lifejacket or personal flotation device is worn**.

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Prohibition

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

Freezing spray

- **No person shall operate** a fishing vessel in an area for which a freezing spray warning has been issued, **unless the vessel has a stability assessment with accumulated ice conditions**
- Carry means to remove accumulated ice

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Prohibition

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

Safety equipment

- **No person shall operate** a fishing vessel without the required safety equipment

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Safety Equipment and Life-saving Appliances

Before (previous regulations)

- Vessels with a gross tonnage not more than 15 were allowed to operate with only lifejackets as life-saving appliances

Now (new regulations)

All fishing vessels must carry life-saving appliances according to their length and based on the risks to which they are exposed

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Life-saving Appliances

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

New requirement

- All fishing vessels shall carry on board a **buoyant heaving line**

Vessel 12 m or less = 15 m (50’) line

Vessel more than 12 m = 30 m (100’) line

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Life-saving Appliances

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

New requirement

- All fishing vessels shall carry on board a **reboarding device**

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Life-saving Appliances

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

New requirement

- All fishing vessels shall carry on board an **apparatus that can be used to retrieve a person** who has fallen overboard without his assistance

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Life-saving Appliances

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

New requirement

- All fishing vessels equipped with a life raft shall store it in a manner that allows it to **automatically float free** if the vessel sinks

Except in the case of a coastal life raft that is packed in a soft container (valise-type)

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Life-saving Appliances

Application: **Fishing vessels not more than 12 m (39’- 4’’)**
not more than 25 miles from shore (NC2)

Shall now carry in addition to lifejackets,

- One or more life rafts or a combination of life rafts and recovery boats, or an EPIRB and immersion suits
- Exception: if in sheltered waters or restricted to 2 miles from shore (Several choices offered)
- Choice between different types of lifejackets or PFDs

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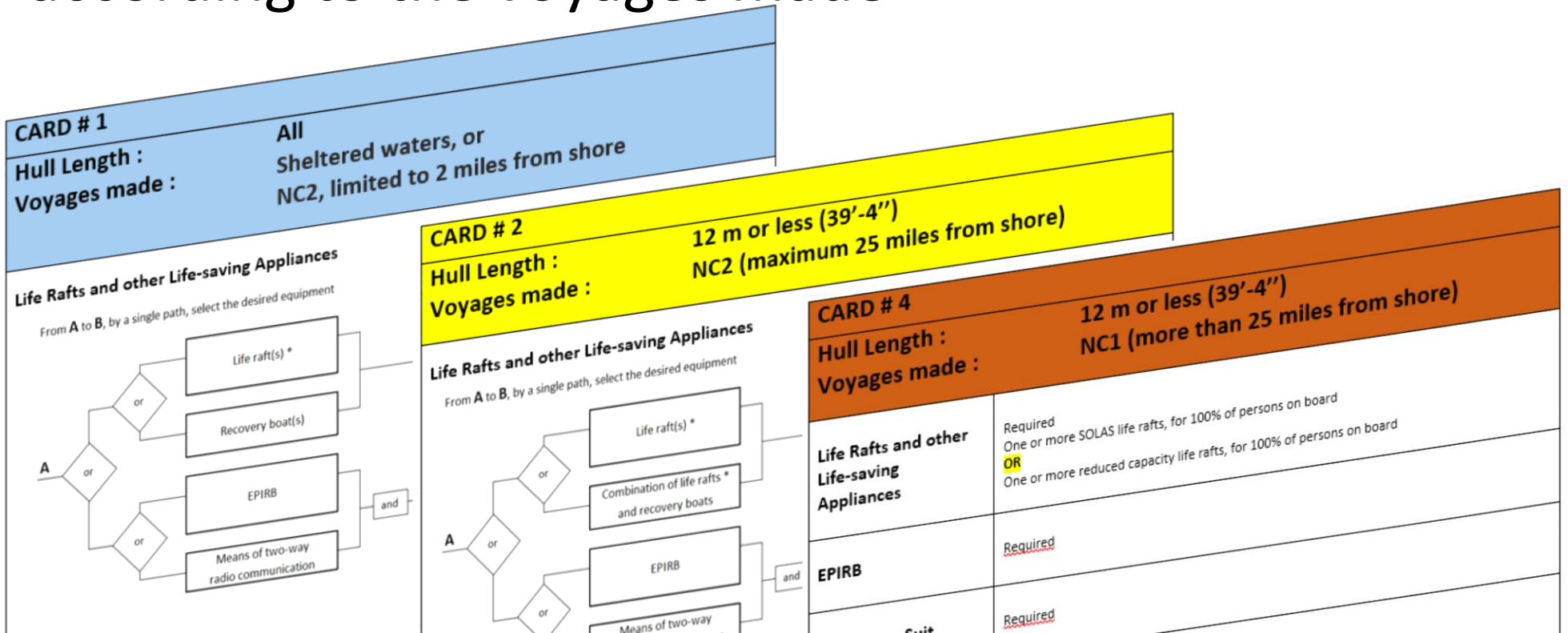
Life-saving Appliances

Application: **Fishing vessels not more than 12 m (39’- 4’’)**

Shall carry on board equipment listed on cards 1, 2 or 3 according to the voyages made



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Life-saving Appliances

Application: **Fishing vessels more than 12 m (39’- 4’’)**
not more than 25 miles from shore (NC2)

Shall now carry in addition to lifejackets:

- One or more life rafts or a combination of recovery boats and life rafts
- Immersion suits
- EPIRB (even if not required by Radio Reg.)

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Life-saving Appliances

Application: **Fishing vessels more than 12 m (39’- 4’’)**
more than 25 miles from shore (NC1)

Shall carry in all cases:

- Immersion suits for all persons on board

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Life-saving Appliances

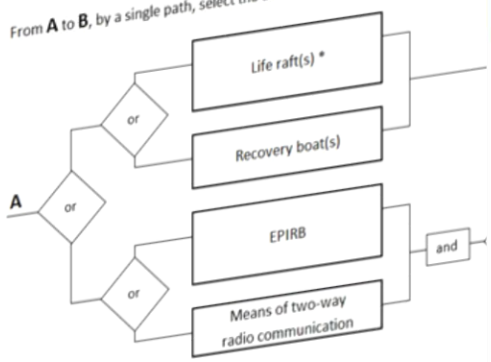
Application: **Fishing vessels more than 12 m (39’-4’’)**

Shall carry on board equipment listed on cards 1, 3 or 5 according to the voyages made

CARD # 1	
Hull Length :	**All**
Voyages made :	**Sheltered waters, or NC2, limited to 2 miles from shore**

Life Rafts and other Life-saving Appliances

From **A** to **B**, by a single path, select the desired equipment



CARD # 3	
Hull Length :	**More than 12 m (39’-4’’) NC2 (maximum 25 miles from shore)**
Voyages made :	
Life Rafts and other Life-saving Appliances	Required One or more life rafts*, for OR A combination of life rafts* * Coastal, reduced capacity
EPIRB	Required
Immersion Suit or Anti-exposure Work Suit	Required

CARD # 5	
Hull Length :	**More than 12 m (39’-4’’) NC1 (more than 25 miles from shore)**
Voyages made :	
Life Rafts and other Life-saving Appliances	Required One or more SOLAS life rafts, for 100% of persons on board OR One or more reduced capacity life rafts, for 100% of persons on board
EPIRB	Required
Immersion Suit or Anti-exposure Work Suit	Required

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Safety Equipment

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

New requirement

- All fishing vessels shall carry on board a **First aid kit** that contains all items listed in the regulations

The First aid kit may be replaced by a First aid kit complying with the requirements of the CNESST with the addition of a resuscitation shield and gloves

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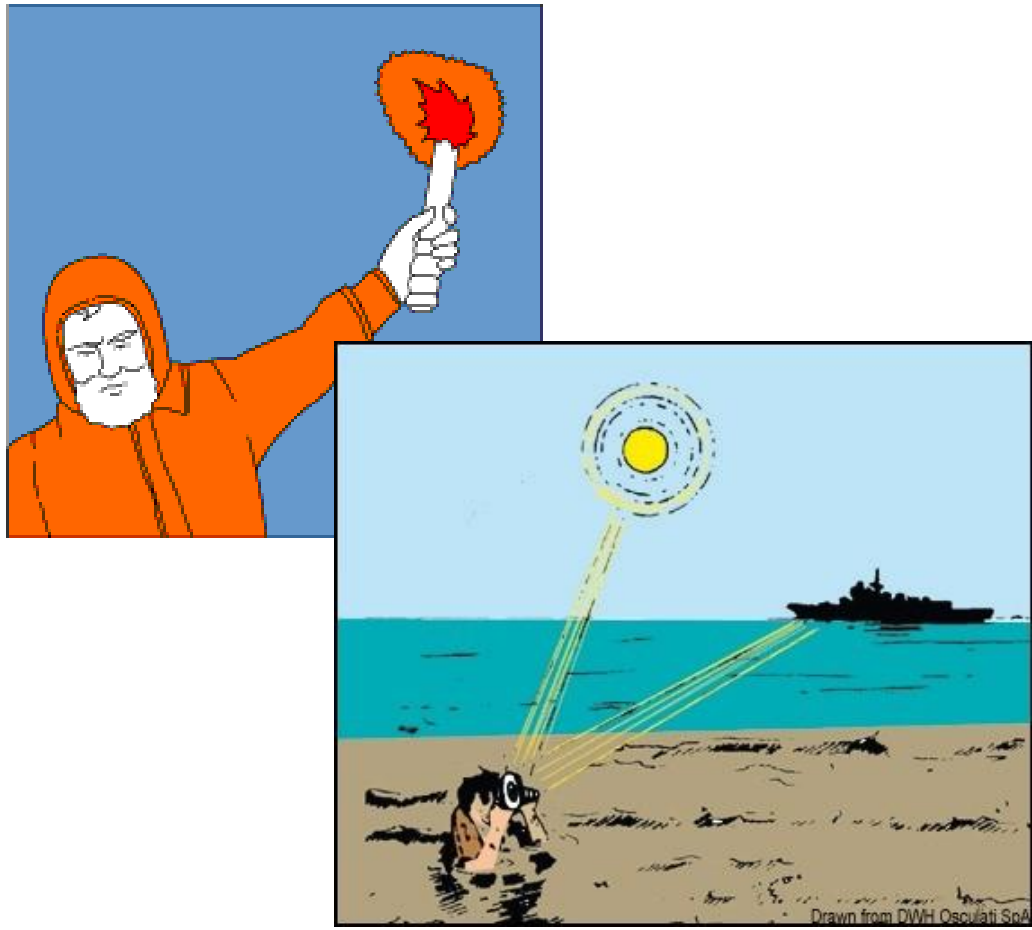
Safety Equipment

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

Distress signals: **What's new?**

- A signalling mirror (exception < 9 m)
- A watertight flaslight
- A greater choice of types of distress signals
- A reduction in the number of distress signals required



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Safety Equipment

Application: **Any fishing vessel**

Portable fire extinguisher: **What's new?**

- Increase of the number of fire extiguishers required
- Fire extinguishers of greater capacity are required
- Fire extinguishers required according to the hull length of the vessel are listed on the back of the cards

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Safety Equipment

Application: **Fishing vessels more than 9 m (29’- 6’’)**

Shall carry on board:

- A manual bilge pump capable of being operated from a position above the deck

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Stability

Friday, February 9th

11:00

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Questions???

Do you think Quebec fishermen are well aware of the requirements of the new *Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations*?

1: Yes
2: No

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Questions???

Do you think that Transport Canada has made every effort to promote to fishermen the new *Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations* and how to comply with it?

1: Yes
2: No

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Questions???

Your questions

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Thanks

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