

Operating Guidelines

Section: Boats

Subject: Boat Safety

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Guidelines

601.1

All fire department personnel operating a boat for fire suppression or transportation of personnel shall adhere to the Small Vessels Regulations, under Canada Shipping Act.

601.2

Turnout gear of any kind shall not be worn in the boat.

601.3

The boat shall not be overloaded with equipment or personnel.

601.4

Sufficient lifejackets shall be available in the boat for all personnel to be transported and all personnel being transported shall wear lifejackets or PFD's while in the boat. The only exception shall be if the boat is being used to transport a patient to shore he/she need not wear a lifejacket but one shall be onboard, to accommodate for that patient in case of emergency.

601.5

At a minimum, all boat operators shall hold a pleasure craft operators card.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of every fire fighter operating the boat to adhere to the above guidelines.