

## What are the benefits of a Vessel Safety Check (VSC)?

The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) can identify

**SAFETY** and money saving

Opportunities:

- 1-By meeting federal, state and local safety equipment requirements you will prevent citations.
- 2-You may receive a boating insurance discount from your insurance provider.
- 3-By increasing awareness of safety practices to avoid accidents and costly breakdowns.
- 4-The VSC can reduce accidents by educating the boater about the value and use of safety equipment and safe practices on the water.

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*“Boat Smart  
from the start with a  
Vessel Safety  
Check!”*



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## **What is a Vessel Safety Check (VSC)?**

It is an opportunity to have your vessel's safety equipment examined by a qualified vessel examiner of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. There are **NO** fines, penalties, or reports to any agency. If your vessel is properly equipped, you will be awarded the current VSC decal to display on your vessel. Display of the decal does **NOT** guarantee that you will not be boarded.

But, provided you do not remove any equipment, you'll have peace of mind knowing you have the required equipment in an emergency and know where it's located in the event you need it or are boarded.

The **15** minute **VSC** includes a check of:

- 1-Numbering**
  - 2-Registration**
  - 3-Lifejackets**
  - 4-Visual Distress**
  - 5-Fire Extinguishers**
  - 6-Ventilation**
  - 7-Backfire Flame Arrester**
  - 8-Horn**
  - 9-Navigation Lights**
  - 10-Pollution Placard**
  - 11-Trash Placard/Plan**
  - 12-Marine Sanitation Device**
  - 13-Navigation Rules**
  - 14-State and Local Requirements**
  - 15-Overall Vessel Condition**
- and more!*

## **Boating Safety Education**

During the Vessel Safety Check (VSC), in addition to helping clarify various federal, state, and local regulations, the vessel examiner will have an opportunity to discuss with a fellow boater the purpose of having the correct marine safety equipment, and be able to discuss local boating conditions and answer safety related questions.

This is a **one-on-one** education!

Some of the discussion topics include:

**Safe Boating Classes**  
**Charts**  
**Float Plans**  
**Weather**  
**Accident Reporting**  
*and more!*