



Yachting New Zealand Safety Category Four Classification. Essential Safety Equipment Checklist.

Yacht: _____
 Hull colour: _____
 Sail no: _____
 VHF radio call sign (If applicable) _____
 Date _____

Description	Keelers	Trailer Yachts
Flares (Less than 3 years old)		
Red	2	2 + 2 parachute
White		
Orange Smoke	2	2
Life Jackets (with Whistle)	Required	
Life Bouy with line, Whistle, and light.	1	
Manual Bilge Pump	1	2 buckets/lanyards
Buckets (with lanyards)	2	
Flashlight	2	
Fog horn	1	
Compass	1	
Depthsounder/Leadline	1	
Heaving line	1	
Safety harness (Minimum of 50% of crew)	Required	1
Heavy weather Jib		
Fuel for four hours motoring		
VHF	1	
First Aid kit	1	
Fire extinguisher	2	1
Anchor & ground tackle.	1	1
Emergency Knife	1	

Note full requirements are in the Racing Rules of Sailing & Safety Regulations 2025-2028
 This checklist covers the year stated to compete in the Whangarei Harbour combined clubs summer race program.

Owners & skippers are reminded of their responsibilities as per Part 2, 2.1 of the Yachting NZ Safety Regulations:

“The safety of a yacht and her crew is the **sole and inescapable responsibility** of the skipper who must do his/ her best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather”

The organising boating club reserves the right to inspect for safety equipment conformance at any stage, any yacht intending to, or participating in an organised yachting event.