



# FISHING VESSEL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Your crew is more important than your catch! This handy checklist reminds you what to look for in a safety check and will help ensure that you and your crew get home safely at the end of each catch. A few minutes spent on a safety check can avert a lifetime of loss.

## TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

- Is your crew aware of basic vessel operation, hazards, risks and controls?
- Is your crew trained in use of emergency equipment and procedures?

## FIRST AID

- Are first aid kits well stocked and readily available?
- Are crew members trained in emergency first aid and CPR?

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Is head protection available and worn, where hazards exist?
- Is foot protection available and worn, where hazards exist?
- Is eye and face protection available and worn, where hazards exist?
- Is hearing protection available and worn, where hazards exist?
- Is protective clothing like gloves and overalls available and worn, where hazards exist?

## RISK OF DROWNING

- Are personal flotation devices (PFDs) approved by Transport Canada available for each crew member and worn on deck?
- Is there fall protection equipment for use where hazards exist? (Guard rails, life buoys, boat hooks)

## FIRE PROTECTION

- Are ABC fire extinguishers located for easy access and maintained in good condition?
- Are flammable and combustible materials stored safely? (Keep on board only those necessary for the maintenance, operation or other boat function.)
- Is the electrical system inspected regularly?

## HANDLING MATERIALS

- Does your crew know how to safely lift or move fishing gear, equipment, catch and bait loads?
- Is the hoist/hauler maintained in good condition?

## EQUIPMENT

- Is all equipment in proper working condition (refer to manufacturer specs for inspection and maintenance requirements), including:
  - Communication/navigation equipment
  - Pumps: bilge, wash down, etc.
  - Rescue equipment
  - Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)

## MECHANICAL SAFETY

- Is equipment safeguarded to prevent entanglement?
- Are hot surfaces shielded to prevent burns?

## WORKING / WALKING SURFACES

- Are passageways and work areas clear of clutter and are loose materials secured?
- Does your crew have suitable footwear for slippery surfaces (good grip)?
- Are mops and buckets easily accessible to immediately clean up spills?
- Do you have de-icing procedures to deal with ice buildup?

## CHEMICAL SAFETY

- Are all product containers labelled properly?
- Is the crew trained in WHMIS and in the proper use, storage, disposal and emergency procedures of hazardous products?