

New Fire Extinguisher Requirements

For Fishing Vessels Under 65 Feet In Length

Less Than 26 Feet In Length	One UL Rated 5-B	(Note 1)
26 Feet To Less Than 40 Feet In Length	Two UL Rated 5-Bs	(Note 2)
40 Feet To Less Than 65 Feet In Length	Three UL Rated 5-Bs	(Note 2)

Note 1: Outboard boats less than 26 feet in length are not required to carry fire extinguishers if their construction will not permit the entrapment of explosive gases or vapors.

Note 2: One UL Rated 20-B (or larger) may be substituted for two UL Rated 5-Bs.

Note 3: Vessels with a CG Approved Fixed Fire Extinguishing System in their engine room may reduce their required number of portable fire extinguishers by one.

For Fishing Vessels 65 Feet Or More In Length

Space Aboard Vessel	Min. Rating	Quantity and Location
Safety Areas, Communicating Corridors	2-A	1 in each main corridor not more than 150 ft. apart (May be located in stairways)
Pilothouse	20-B:C	2 in the vicinity of the exit
Service Spaces, Galleys	40-B:C	1 for each 2,500 sq.ft. or fraction thereof suitable for hazards involved.
Paint Lockers	40-B	1 outside space in the vicinity of the exit
Accessible Baggage & Storage Rooms	2-A	1 for each 2,500 sq.ft. or fraction thereof located in the vicinity of the exits, either inside or outside the spaces
Workshops & Similar Spaces	2-A	1 outside the space in the vicinity of the exit
Machinery Spaces; Internal Combustion Propelling Machinery	40-B:C	1 for each 1,000 brake horsepower or fraction thereof but not fewer than 2 or more than 6
Electric Propulsion Motors Or Generator Unit of Open Type	40-B:C	1 for each propulsion motor generator unit
Auxiliary Spaces	40-B:C	1 outside the space in the vicinity of the exit
Internal Combustion Machinery Spaces	40-B:C	1 outside the space in the vicinity of the exit
Electric Emergency Motors Or Generators	40-B:C	1 outside the space in the vicinity of the exit

Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Requirements

Commercial Fishing Vessels

Non-Rechargeable/Non-Refillable Extinguishers:

These are typically white aluminum canisters with plastic handles

Annual Maintenance may be performed by vessel owner, operator, person-in-charge or a designated member of the crew. Must be replaced when 12 years old. Date on tag must be within the last 12 months.



Rechargeable/Refillable Extinguishers:

These are typically red or yellow steel canisters with metal handles.

Annual Maintenance must be performed by a person certified/licensed by a state or local jurisdiction. Dry Chemical and Halogenated Agent extinguishers must undergo an internal visual examination and agent replacement every 6 years and a hydrostatic test every 12 years. Portable CO2 extinguishers must undergo a hydrostatic test every 5 years. Date on tag must be within the last 12 months.

