

Charter Equipment

IBCS Q1: Do all charter boats contain the general standard bareboat general equipment?

1. Navigation equipment
2. General - Clear and simple operating instructions shall be provided on board for navigation equipment including - global positioning system (GPS), if any.
A demonstration of all systems during the Check-In and before the boats leaves the marina is required.
3. Log book - A log book shall be provided by the charter provider for bareboats that operate on coastal and offshore maritime waters and lakes of similar character.
A log of all incident and accident must be kept by the skipper.
4. Nautical publications and tools - Charts, almanacs and sailing directions needed to plan the intended voyage and to plot and monitor positions throughout the voyage shall be provided. Charts shall be of such a scale and contain sufficient detail to show clearly all relevant navigational marks, known navigational hazards and, where appropriate, information concerning ship's routing and ship reporting schemes. Drawing tools, pencils, erasers and dividers, as required for the area of operation, shall be provided.
5. Compass - At least one steering compass and one hand bearing compass shall be provided for bareboats that operate on coastal and offshore maritime waters and lakes of similar character.
6. Distance log - A distance log shall be provided for bareboats that operate on coastal and offshore maritime waters and lakes of similar character.
7. Communication equipment - Communication equipment, as necessary to communicate with the Coastguard, port authorities, lock keepers, other vessels, etc., shall be provided.
VHF radio is standard
8. Anchor - The bareboat shall have an anchor adequate for its size together with a suitable combination of chain and/or rope. Both shall be appropriate for the intended area of operation.
9. Mooring equipment - The following shall be provided as necessary for the area of operation and type of boat: Mooring lines, fenders; mooring pins and mallet, boat hook(s).
10. Gangway/Passarella - A gangway/Passarella shall be provided as necessary for the area of operation and type of boat. Instructions shall be provided for its safe use.
11. Torch and searchlight - The following shall be provided: a waterproof torch with spare batteries and a bulb; if operation during the hours of darkness is permitted, a waterproof high-powered light, suitable for collision avoidance and searching for a person overboard at night.
12. First aid kit- A first aid kit shall be provided. Its contents shall be listed and its location shall be clearly marked.
13. Sound signalling device - A sound signalling device appropriate for the area of operation shall be provided
14. Emergency re-boarding - A means of re-boarding the craft from the water unaided shall be available.