

Fire Protection for Recreational Boats

Regulation goes into effect on 04/20/2022

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Is Fire Extinguisher
Readily Accessible?

- Marine Type U.S.C.G.?
- Correct Classification (Note 1)?
- Not > 12 years old (Note 2)?

Good & Serviceable?
(Note 3)

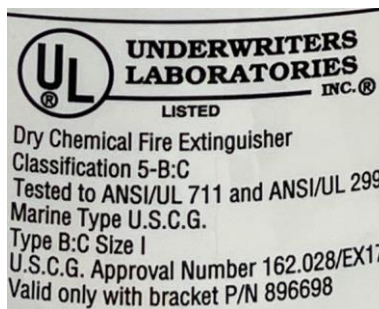
- Note 1** – a. Extinguishers **UL Classified 5-B:C/10-B:C** (or greater) meet carriage requirements for ALL recreational vessels regardless of vessel age.
- b. Extinguishers rated as **Marine Type USCG Type B:C, size I or size II** are only acceptable on vessels built model year 2017 or earlier.
(*Model year* means the period beginning June 1 of a year and ending on July 31 of the following year and being designated by the year in which it ends.)
- c. Ratings that include higher numbers or more letters are acceptable.
- d. One 20-B extinguisher may be carried to replace two required 5-B extinguishers.
- e. There are special rules for vessels built prior to 1952.

Note 2 – Make sure disposable fire extinguisher is not more than 12 years old from date stamp on bottle. Must be removed from service on 31 December of the 12th year.

Note 3 – See Good & Serviceable meaning below.

[Link to Federal Register Notice: 2021-22578.pdf \(govinfo.gov\)](#)

Label example



Date Stamp
Example



Good and serviceable working condition means:

- (i) If the extinguisher has a pressure gauge reading or indicator it must be in the operable range or position;
- (ii) The lock pin is firmly in place;
- (iii) The discharge nozzle is clean and free of obstruction; and
- (iv) The extinguisher does not show visible signs of significant corrosion or damage.

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