



Don't Take Risks on the Water

Collisions, Groundings, Fire and Explosions are Real Dangers

Commercial activities on the water

Do you intend to transport people for:

- Recreational cruises;
- Work on the water;
- Fishing trips with a guide;
- Water taxi services; or
- Ferry services.

Do you wish to transport cargo?

Does your hotel or inn offer packages that include a cruise on a body of water?

Do you intend to offer food services on a lake, river or another body of water in Canada?

If you answered yes to any of the previous questions, you intend to use your vessel for commercial purposes and, according to the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*, your vessel must meet all standards pertaining to its construction, machine installations, electricity on board, controls, navigation instruments, equipment and navigational lights.

Listing, Registration

Your vessel, according to its length and tonnage, must be listed or registered.

Qualification

- Do you possess the required certificate of competency?
- What are your abilities to operate a commercial vessel?
- Does your vessel meet oil pollution and sewage prevention regulations?

Construction and modification standards

A vessel must be built to conform to certain standards. A pleasure craft built or modified by hand must respect all appropriate regulations and standards.

Before your vessel can be used for commercial operations in Canada, you must contact Marine Safety and follow the procedures of conformity and certification.



Avoidable accidents

Accidents do not occur only by chance. Too often, the conditions that result in injuries and loss of lives or vessels could have been avoided if the rules of safety were known beforehand.

When combined, unsafe navigation conditions, vessels that were not built according to standards, equipment failures and human error in crews can lead to disaster.

To avoid these tragedies, operators must inform themselves and be aware of regulations prescribed by the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*.

No one can ignore the law.

Safety and the environment, it's everyone's business!

Learn More

For more information, contact the Marine Safety office in your region or call 1-888-649-6292

