WAC 296-54-59330  Log unloading, booms, and rafting grounds—
Boats and mechanical devices on waters.  (1) Before starting the boat
motor, any spilled fuel must be removed and vapors must be exhausted
from any area in which they may accumulate.

(2) The bilge area must be kept clean and oil, grease, fuel, or
highly combustible materials must not be allowed to accumulate.

(3) Adequate ventilation equipment must be provided and used for
the bilge area to prevent the accumulation of toxic or explosive gases
or vapors.

(4) Adequate ventilation equipment must be provided and used for
the cabin area on enclosed-cabin boats to prevent an accumulation of
harmful gases or vapors.

(5) Deck and cabin lighting must be provided and used where nec-
essary to provide safe levels of illumination aboard boats.  Boats op-
erated between sunset to sunrise, or in conditions of restricted visi-
bility, must display navigation lights as required by the United
States Coast Guard.  Searchlights or floodlights must be provided for
safe navigation and to illuminate working or boarding areas adjacent
to the craft.

(6) On craft used by employees wearing caked shoes, all areas
where employees must stand or walk must be made of or be covered with
wood or other suitable matting or nonslip material.  The covering must
be maintained in good condition.

(7) Each boat must:
(a) Be provided with a fire extinguisher; and
(b) Have a life ring with at least fifty feet of one-fourth inch
line attached.

Note:  For additional requirements relating to portable fire extinguishers see WAC 296-800-300.

Note:  On log broncs, boomscoters, or other small boomboats where all occupants are required to wear life saving devices and a life ring would
present a tripping hazard, the life ring may be omitted.

(8) Along docks, walkways, or other fixed installations on or ad-
jacent to open water more than five feet deep, approved life rings
with at least ninety feet of one-fourth inch line attached, must be
provided.  The life rings must be spaced at intervals not exceeding two
hundred feet and must be easily visible and readily accessible.

(a) When employees are assigned work at other casual locations
where exposure to drowning exists, at least one approved life ring
with at least ninety feet of line attached must be provided in the im-
mediate vicinity of the work assigned.

(b) Lines attached to life rings on fixed installations must be
at least ninety feet long, at least one-fourth inch in diameter, and
have a minimum breaking strength of five hundred pounds.  Similar lines
attached to life rings on boats must be at least fifty feet long.

(c) Life rings must be United States Coast Guard approved thirty-
inch size.

(d) Life rings and attached lines must be maintained to retain at
least seventy-five percent of their designed buoyancy and strength.

(e) Where work is assigned over water where the vertical drop
from an accidental fall would exceed fifty feet, special arrangements
must be made with and approved by the department of labor and indus-
tries prior to such assignment.

(9) Log broncs, boomscoters, and boomboats must not be loaded
with employees or equipment in a way that adversely affects stability
or seaworthiness.

(10) Boats must not be operated at excessive speed or handled
recklessly.
Certified on 10/25/2019