

***Suggested Compliance with the***  
**Code-of-Practice for Fishing Vessels < 15mtr**  
***For***  
**Small Open Fishing Vessels**  
**(Currachs & Punts)**

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A punt or currach licensed to fish is classed as a “**Fishing Vessel**” and so must comply with any regulations that are devised for “**Fishing Vessels**”. Large parts of the Code are not relevant to an open boat and here we try to list our interpretation of the core requirements. The assumption is that the boat is a small open boat with an outboard engine, portable fuel tank, all in good condition. We believe the min. requirements are:

- SOLAS approved life-jacket for each person
- Personal Floatation device (PFD) for each person
- A SOLAS Approved inflatable lifejacket will cover both above requirements
- Hand-Carried EPIRB (121 & 406 MHz) (PLB is not allowed anymore)
- Portable VHF Radio and a spare charged battery (some can use AA disposable)
- 6 Red Flares parachute flares
- Small fire extinguisher
- Bucket with lanyard
- Compass
- Bilge pump
- Anchor
- Waterproof torch
- Whistle or other sound signal
- Small first aid kit
- Two life rings with vessel name & port of registry painted on. – one with 18m of line
- The boat must be inspected in and out of the water and a roll test carried out afloat.

I believe that some of these items should be kept in a waterproof container. Also bear in mind that they are valuable and may need to be taken ashore every night. The reference document is the “Code of Practice” which can be downloaded on our website [www.promara.ie](http://www.promara.ie) It is important to study the Code of Practice as there is good advice contained in it. Keep in mind that this is our interpretation and it can be overruled by the Marine Survey Office

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Regards