





## Boat Codes and Descriptions – WDC Shorewatch

Make a count of the number of boats you can see up to the horizon with your naked eye, and record this, along with boat type codes, in the boat column. **If you aren't sure which code the boat is, you could take a photo** and submit that with your sightings form. **If there are zero boats, please put a '0', if it is blank we will assume no count was completed.**

Boat Code	Description	Example
FVL	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fishing vessel - Large:</b> Length is greater than 15m</p>	
FVS	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fishing vessel - Small:</b> Length is less than 15m e.g. creel boat</p>	
VLV	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Very Large Vessel</b> e.g. tanker, ferry, cruise ship, offshore supply vessel, military vessel, fisheries protection vessel</p>	
SM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Small Motorboat</b> Length is less than 15m e.g. speed boats, RIBs</p>	
LM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Large Motorboat</b> Length is greater than 15m e.g. working vessels: lifeboat, tugs etc</p>	
SV	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sailing Vessel - with sails up</b></p>	
MSV	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sailing Vessel under Motor</b> Sails down, wake showing = moving under motor and not sail</p>	
JS	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jet ski</b></p>	
PK	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Paddleboard/Kayak/Row boat/Windsurfer</b></p>	
O	<p style="text-align: center;">Other (please specify)</p>	