

Personal Floatation Device (PFD)

Links to applicable regulations

- [46 CFR 28.110](#) - Requirements
- [46 CFR 25.25](#) - General
- [46 CFR 28.135](#) - Markings
- [46 CFR 28.140](#) - Readiness, maintenance, inspection
- [NVIC 1-08](#) - Testing of immersion suits
- [NVIC 1-87](#) - Installation of retro-reflective material
- [Washington State University PFD study](#)

Checklist for this item

	At least one PFD of the proper type and size per individual.
	Coast Guard approved
	Retro-reflective material in serviceable condition with a minimum of 31 square inches (NVIC 1-87).
	Each device stowed to be readily accessible.
	All closure devices, (clips & snaps) in serviceable condition.
	Material and straps in serviceable condition
	Marked with vessel name, name of owner or person to whom assigned.
	Excess PFD's should be both maintained and in serviceable condition, marked for "Training use only" or removed from vessel.

Voyage Termination Warning

Your vessels voyage can be terminated for any of the following:

- Failure to have the required type of PFDs on board.
- Insufficient number of the required PFDs for the number of people on board the vessel and in serviceable condition.

If you have elected to substitute the required PFDs with immersion or exposure suits then go to the [immersion suit inspection checklist](#) to inspect them.

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Consider purchasing one of the new hybrid PFDs in addition to the required immersion suits for the crew to wear while working on deck. See the PFD study conducted by Washington State University for recommendations.
