

Inflatable Life Raft (SOLAS B)

Links to applicable regulations

- [46 CFR 28.120](#) – Survival craft requirements
- [46 CFR 28.125](#) - Stowage
- [46 CFR 28.130](#) - Equipment
- [46 CFR 28.135](#) - Markings
- [46 CFR 28.140](#) - Readiness, maintenance, inspection
- [NVIC 4-86](#) – Hydraulic releases / floatfree arrangements
- [NVIC 1-87](#) – Installation of retro-reflective material
- [NVIC 1-92](#), [\(change 1\)](#), [\(change 2\)](#) – Additional guidance
- [MOC Policy Ltr 4-08](#) – Unserviceable survival craft

Checklist for this item

	Life raft(s) servicing date sticker not expired.
	Coast Guard approved
	Hydrostatic release unit(s) not expired.
	Life raft(s) stored in a float free location
	Life raft(s) equipped with a SOLAS B equipment pack.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A SOLAS A pack equipped life raft is also acceptable.
	Stowage configuration will allow the life raft(s) to float free and automatically release.
	The hydrostatic release is installed properly.

Voyage Termination Warning

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

- Failure to have the required survival craft on board.
- Insufficient life raft capacity for the number of people on board the vessel.
- A life raft more than 5 months past its annual inspection.
- A hydrostatic release more than 5 months past its expiration date.
- A SOLAS life raft not installed in a float free configuration either using a hydrostatic release unit or an alternate float free arrangement (NVIC 4-86).

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Installation for a disposable hydrostatic release unit.

