



MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 06-13

Servicing Companies Authorized to Service Inflatable Life Rafts on Vessels Inspected under 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

Ref: (a) Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Subpart 160.151-35

It has come to my attention that vessels inspected by the Coast Guard under Title 46 CFR operating in the Western Alaska Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) zone may be operating with life rafts serviced by companies not authorized to perform service and repair on specific Coast Guard approved life rafts. Each Coast Guard approved servicing facility is authorized to perform service on only the specific raft manufacturers listed on their Coast Guard approval certificate.

It is the responsibility of the vessel owner/operator to ensure that the life raft is serviced annually as required, and that the facility conducting the work is authorized to service the specific life raft requiring service. Any vessel found operating with a life raft that has been serviced by an unauthorized facility will be required to obtain a new life raft or have their current life raft re-serviced by an authorized facility prior to operating. Additionally, the OCMI may withdraw the approval of the servicing facility or suspend its approval if a facility is found to be performing unauthorized service.

Vessel owners/operators can verify the facility they are utilizing meets the above by searching for the approved servicing facilities information within the Coast Guard Maritime Information Exchange (CGMIX):

<http://cgmix.uscg.mil/LifeRaftSearch/LifeRaftSearch.aspx>

For questions or concerns about the servicing facilities in the Western Alaska OCMI zone or about this bulletin, please contact LT Ryan Butler at (907) 271-6956.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. L. JOHNSON".

S. L. JOHNSON

Commander, U. S. Coast Guard

By Direction

Officer in Charge Marine Inspection,
Western Alaska