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***Safety Alert-Lifejacket Snap Hooks***

The US Coast Guard has recently discovered defective snap hooks with corroded spring clips installed on four models of US Coast Guard approved Type 1 lifejackets. The lifejackets are manufactured by Cal-June Inc., (a.k.a. Jim Buoy). It was discovered that improper materials were used during the manufacturing process. Consequently, due to the corrosive nature of the marine environment the snap hooks have an increased possibility of deteriorating and failing.

Cal-June Inc. has acknowledged that the snap hook springs are defective and will renew all defective snap hooks assemblies at no cost to lifejacket owners. A total of 5,371 lifejackets were manufactured with the defective snap hooks and sold between October 1, 2002 and March 15, 2004.

The affected model numbers and corresponding Coast Guard approval numbers are as follows:

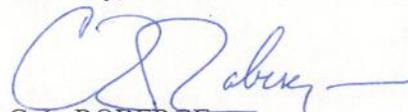
<u>Model Nos.</u>	<u>USCG approval Nos.</u>
601 Adult	160.055/115/0
603 Child	160.055/116/0
SO-1 Adult SOLAS	60.155/1/0
SO-2 Child SOLAS	160.155/2/0

The lot numbers having defective snap hooks are as follows:

1556	1561	1564	1567	1574
1558	1562	1565	1570	1575
1560	1563	1566	1573	1576

Should you discover this problem or if you have identified your lifejackets by the identifying numbers listed above, contact Cal-June Inc. at (818) 761-3516 or e-mail at [email@jim-buoy.com](mailto:email@jim-buoy.com) to receive replacement snap hooks. Include in your communication the model number, lot number, quantity of lifejackets requiring replacements and a shipping address.

Sincerely,

  
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