



Types of Survival Craft

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Doing a commercial fishing vessel (CFV) inspection? Did you read the above? Great! But wait! To properly determine whether the vessel is equipped with the right survival craft you need to know what are the different kinds of survival craft. Here's some help from the [Coast Guard's Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Flyer Issue 16, Survival Craft.](#)



Inflatable Life Raft: Series 160.151 / .051



Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus: Series 160.010



Life Float: Series 160.027



Buoyant Apparatus: Series 160.010

Rigid Liferaft: Series 160.018 / .118

A buoyant apparatus may be substituted for the otherwise required survival craft on a vessel more than 36 feet in length with 3 or fewer persons on board and which operates within 12 miles of the coastline.

There are strict regulations regarding the requirements for survival craft and a careful reading of 46 CFR 28.120 is absolutely necessary when determining whether a vessel's survival craft meets regulatory requirements.