

Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus

Links to applicable regulations

- [46 CFR 28.120](#) – Survival craft requirements
- [46 CFR 28.120\(g\)](#) – Substitution of auxiliary craft
- [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

	Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus' servicing date sticker not expired.
	Coast Guard approved
	Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus' are not required to be installed as to float free and automatically release.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If it is installed to float free by use of a hydrostatic release, ensure the unit(s) is not expired.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Stowage configuration will allow the Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus' to float free and automatically release.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The hydrostatic release is installed properly.
	Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus' must at least be stored in a readily accessible location
	A SOLAS A, B, or coastal pack equipped life raft is also acceptable.
	NOTE: An auxiliary craft that is integral to and necessary for normal fishing operations such as a seine skiff used by seiners can substitute for the required inflatable buoyant apparatus (see 46 CFR 28.120(g)).

Voyage Termination Warning

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

- Failure to have the required survival craft on board.
- Insufficient survival raft capacity for the number of people on board the vessel.
- An Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus more than 5 months past its annual inspection.