

Ring Life Buoys

Links to applicable regulations

- [46 CFR 28.115](#) - Regulation
- [46 CFR 28.135](#) - Markings
- [46 CFR 28.140](#) - Readiness, maintenance, inspection
- [NVIC 1-87](#) - Installation of retro-reflective material

Checklist for this item

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| | Coast Guard approved |
| | Check for the correct number as listed in the checklist |
| | Proper diameter of the ring buoy as listed in the checklist |
| | Check condition of the ring buoy body |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure the device can easily be remove from the stowage bracket• Check for major cracking or cuts |
| | Check condition of grab line around circumference |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical condition (grab line with both hands and twist between your fingers, if line starts to break and fray replace the ring buoy) |
| | Ring buoy marked with vessels name 46 CFR 28.135 |
| | Retro-reflective material in serviceable condition / minimum of 31 square inches NVIC 1-87 |
| | If the checklist requires a line be attached, check condition of the line |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check proper length of line as listed in the checklist• Ensure the line is a buoyant type line• Ensure line is not tied off to the vessel |
| | Check the condition of the ring buoy mounting device |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure the ring buoy comes out of the mount easily |
| | A commercial life sling may be substituted for one ring buoy. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have CG approval 160.050• Vessel must have 10ft high (above the deck) lifting point, and• Have 150 line attached• In survivable condition |