§ 169.553 Pyrotechnic distress signals.
   (a) All pyrotechnic distress signals must be of an approved type.
   (b) Replacement must be made no later than the first inspection for cer-
       tification or reinspection after the date of expiration.
   (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each vessel must carry the
       following pyrotechnic distress signals:
       (1) 6 hand red flare distress signals, and 6 hand orange smoke distress
           signals; or,
       (2) 12 hand held rocket propelled parachute red flare distress signals.
   (d) [Reserved]
   (e) All pyrotechnic distress signals must be carried near the helm or in a
       location considered suitable by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.
   (f) All pyrotechnic distress signals must be stowed in a portable water-
       tight container.

§ 169.555 Emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB).
   (a) Each vessel certificated for exposed waters must have an approved
       Class A emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB), and each vessel
       certificated for partially protected waters must have an approved Class C
       emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB). The required EPIRB
       must be—
       (1) Operational;
       (2) Stowed where it is readily accessible for testing and use; and
       (3) Stowed in a manner so that it will float free if the vessel sinks.
   (b) Each vessel must have an additional Class B EPIRB for every twenty-
       five persons onboard, for use in the life-boats and liferafts.

§ 169.556 Work vests.
   (a) Buoyant work vests carried under the permissive authority of this sec-
       tion must be approved under subpart 160.053 of this chapter.
   (b) Approved buoyant work vests are items of safety apparel and may be car-
       ried aboard vessels to be worn by persons when working near or over the
       water under favorable working conditions. Work vests are not accepted in
       lieu of any of the required number of approved personal flotation devices and
       must not be worn during drills and emergencies.
   (c) The approved buoyant work vests must be stowed separately from per-
       sonal flotation devices, and in locations where they will not be confused
       with personal flotation devices.
   (d) Each work vest is subject to ex-
       amination by a marine inspector to de-
       termine its serviceability. If a work
       vest is found not to be in a serviceable
       condition, then it must be repaired or
       removed from the vessel. If a work vest
       is beyond repair, it must be destroyed
       in the presence of the marine inspec-

FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

§ 169.559 Fire pumps.
   (a) Each sailing school vessel must be equipped with fire pumps as required in
       Table 169.559(a).
   (b) Fire pump capacity must be in ac-

   (c) Each fire pump must be fitted
       with a pressure gage on the discharge
       side of the pump.
   (d) Each vessel must have a hand op-
       erated portable fire pump having a ca-
       pacity of at least 1.1 m³/hr (5 gpm).
       This pump must be equipped with suc-
       tion and discharge hose suitable for use
       in firefighting.