
Each individual employed on a commercial fishing industry vessel must notify the master, individual in charge of the vessel, or other agent of the employer of each illness, disability, or injury suffered while in service to the vessel not later than seven days after the date on which the illness, disability, or injury arose.

§ 28.95 Right of appeal.

Any person directly affected by a decision or action taken under this part, by or on behalf of the Coast Guard, may appeal therefrom in accordance with part 1, subpart 1.03 of this chapter.

Subpart B—Requirements for All Vessels

§ 28.100 Applicability.

Each commercial fishing industry vessel must meet the requirements of this subpart, in addition to the requirements of parts 24, 25, and 26 of this chapter.

§ 28.105 Lifesaving equipment—general requirements.

(a) In addition to the requirements of this subpart, each commercial fishing industry vessel must comply with the requirements of part 25, subpart 25.25 of this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in § 28.120(d), each item of lifesaving equipment carried on board a vessel to meet the requirements of this part must be approved by the Commandant. Equipment for personal use which is not required by this part need not be approved by the Commandant.

§ 28.110 Life preservers or other personal flotation devices.

(a) Except as provided by § 28.305 of this chapter, each vessel must be equipped with at least one immersion suit, exposure suit, or wearable personal flotation device of the proper size for each individual on board as specified in table 28.110 and part 25, subpart 25.25 of this chapter. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) of § 25.25–1 of this chapter, each commercial fishing industry vessel propelled by sail or a manned barge employed in commercial fishing activities must meet the requirements of this paragraph.

(b) Each wearable personal flotation device must be stowed so that it is readily accessible to the individual for whom it is intended, from both the individual’s normal work station and berthing area. If there is no location accessible to both the work station and
the berthing area, an appropriate device must be stowed in both locations.

### Table 28.110—Personal Flotation Devices and Immersion Suits

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<th>Applicable waters</th>
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<td>Seaward of the Boundary Line and North of 32° N or South of 32° S, and Lake Superior.</td>
<td>Documented Vessel – All vessels</td>
<td>Immersion suit or exposure suit.</td>
<td>28.135; 25.25–9(a); 25.25–13; 25.25–15.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Coastal Waters on the West Coast of the United States north of Point Reyes, CA; Beyond Coastal Waters, cold water; and Lake Superior.</td>
<td>40 feet (12.2 meters) or more in length. Less than 40 feet (12.2 meters) in length.</td>
<td>Type I, Type V commercial hybrid, immersion suit, or exposure suit.</td>
<td>28.135; 25.25–5(e); 25.25–5(f); 25.25–9(a); 25.25–13; 25.25–15.</td>
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<td>Coastal Waters on the West Coast of the United States north of Point Reyes, CA; Beyond Coastal Waters, cold water; and Lake Superior.</td>
<td>All other waters (includes all Great Lakes except Lake Superior).</td>
<td>Do.</td>
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1 Certain Type V personal flotation devices are approved for substitution for Type I, II, or III personal flotation devices when used in accordance with the conditions stated in the Coast Guard approval table.

§ 28.115 Ring life buoys.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section and §28.305, each vessel must be equipped with a throwable flotation device or a ring life buoy as specified in table 28.115. If the vessel is equipped with a ring life buoy, at least one ring life buoy must be equipped with a line which is at least:

(1) 60 feet (18.3 meters) in length for a vessel less than 65 feet (19.8 meters) in length; or

(2) 90 feet (27.4 meters) in length for a vessel 65 feet (19.8 meters) or more in length.

(b) For each vessel less than 65 feet (19.8 meters) in length, an approved 20 inch (0.51 meters) or larger ring life buoy which is in serviceable condition and which was installed on board before September 15, 1991, may be used to meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section.

### Table 28.115—Throwable Flotation Devices—Continued

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<td>Less than 16 feet (4.9 meters). 16 feet (4.9 meters) or more, but less than 26 feet (7.9 meters).</td>
<td>None. 1 buoyant cushion, or ring life buoy (Type IV PFD).</td>
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<td>26 feet (7.9 meters) or more, but less than 65 feet (19.8 meters). 65 feet (19.8 meters) or more.</td>
<td>1 ring life buoy approval number starting with 160.069 or 160.050; orange; at least 24 inch (0.61 meters) size. 3 ring life buoys, approval number 160.050; orange; at least 24 inch (0.61 meters) size.</td>
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Note: Certain Type V PFDs are approved for use in substitution for Type IV PFDs, when used in accordance with the conditions stated in the Coast Guard approval label.

§ 28.120 Survival craft.

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) through (h) of this section and 28.305, each vessel must carry the survival craft specified in Table 28.120(a), Table 28.120(b), or Table 28.120(c), as appropriate for the vessel, in an aggregate capacity to accommodate the total number of individuals on board.

(b) The requirements of this section do not apply to vessels less than 10.97 meters (36 feet) in length with 3 or fewer individuals on board which operate within 12 miles of the coastline.

(c) A buoyant apparatus may be substituted instead of the requirements in this section for vessels 10.97 meters (36