§ 108.647 Inflatable life rafts.

The number of the life raft and the number of persons it is permitted to accommodate must be marked or painted in a conspicuous place in the immediate vicinity of each inflatable life raft in block capital letters and numbers. The word “life raft” or the appropriate symbol from IMO Resolution A.760(18) shall be used to identify the stowage location. Life rafts stowed on the sides of the unit should be numbered in the same manner as lifeboats. This marking must not be on the inflatable life raft container.


§ 108.649 Life jackets, immersion suits, and life buoys.

(a) Each life jacket must be marked—

(1) In block capital letters with the name of the unit; and

(2) With type I retro-reflective material approved under approval series 164.018. The arrangement of the retro-reflective material must meet IMO Resolution A.658(16).

(b) The stowage positions for life jackets, other than life jackets stowed in staterooms, must be marked with either the word “LIFEJACKET” or with the appropriate symbol from IMO Resolution A.760(18).

(c) Each immersion suit or anti-exposure suit container must be marked in block capital letters and numbers with the minimum quantity, identity, and if sizes other than adult or universal sizes are used on the unit, the size of the equipment stowed inside the container. The equipment may be identified in words or with the appropriate symbol from IMO Resolution A.760(18).

(1) In block capital letters with the unit’s name and with the name of the port required to be marked on the unit under subpart 67.123 of this chapter; and

(2) With type II retro-reflective material approved under part 164, subpart 164.018 of this chapter. The arrangement of the retro-reflective material must meet IMO Resolution A.658(16).

(d) Each life buoy stowage position must be marked with either the words “LIFEBOUy” or “LIFE BUOY”, or with the appropriate symbol from IMO Resolution A.760(18).

(1) In block capital letters with the unit’s name and with the name of the port required to be marked on the unit under subpart 67.123 of this chapter; and

(2) With type II retro-reflective material approved under part 164, subpart 164.018 of this chapter. The arrangement of the retro-reflective material must meet IMO Resolution A.658(16).

§ 108.650 EPIRBs and SARTs.

Emergency position indicating radiobeacons and search and rescue transponders. Each EPIRB and SART should have the name of the unit plainly marked or painted on its label, except for EPIRBs or SARTs in an inflatable life raft or permanently installed in a survival craft.


§ 108.651 Portable magazine chests.

Each portable magazine chest must be marked: “PORTABLE MAGAZINE CHEST—FLAMMABLE—KEEP LIGHTS AND FIRE AWAY” in letters at least 7.5 centimeters (3 inches) high.

§ 108.653 Helicopter facilities.

(a) Each helicopter fueling facility must be marked adjacent to the fueling hose storage: “WARNING—HELICOPTER FUELING STATION—KEEP LIGHTS AND FIRE AWAY”.

(b) Each storage tank for helicopter fuel must be marked: “DANGER—FLAMMABLE LIQUID”. 
§ 108.655 Operating instructions.
Each unit must have posters or signs displayed in the vicinity of each survival craft and the survival craft’s launching controls that—
(a) Illustrate the purpose of controls;
(b) Illustrate the procedures for operating the launching device;
(c) Give relevant instructions or warnings;
(d) Can be easily seen under emergency lighting conditions; and
(e) Display symbols in accordance with IMO Resolution A.760(18).

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§ 108.657 Unit markings.
The hull of each unit must be marked in accordance with Parts 67 and 69 of this chapter.

§ 108.659 Lifesaving signal instructions.
On all vessels to which this subpart applies, there must be readily available to the offshore installation manager, master, or person in charge a placard containing instructions for the use of the lifesaving signals set forth in regulation 16, chapter V, of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974. These signals must be used by vessels or persons in distress when communicating with lifesaving stations and maritime rescue units.

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§ 108.661 Unit markings: Draft marks.
(a) Each unit must have draft marks for each foot of immersion—
(1) If the unit is a surface unit, on both the port and starboard sides of the stem and the stern-post or rudderpost or at any other place at the stern of the unit as may be necessary for easy observance;
(2) If the unit is a self-elevating unit, near each corner of the hull but not more than 4 required; and
(3) If the unit is a column-stabilized unit, on each corner column, continuing to the footing or lower displacement hull.
(b) The bottom of each mark must be at the draft indicated by that mark.
(c) Each mark must be—
(1) In numerals 15 centimeters (6 inches) high; and
(2) In contrasting color to the background.
(d) For the purposes of this section, “draft” means the distance from the bottom of the keel or the lowest shell plate on the outer surface of the unit to the surface of the water, except that where a unit has a permanent appendage extending below the bottom of the keel, “draft” means the distance from the lowest part of the appendage to the surface of the water.
(e) In cases where draft marks are obscured due to operational constraints or by protrusions, the vessel must be fitted with a reliable draft indicating system from which the draft can be determined.


§ 108.663 Unit markings: Load line.
Each unit that is assigned a load line must have the load line marked in accordance with Part 42 of this chapter.

§ 108.665 Appliances for watertight integrity.
Each watertight door, scuttle, and hatch required for watertight integrity, which may be opened during normal operations must be marked in letters of contrasting color to the background “KEEP CLOSED”.

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§ 108.697 Buoyant work vests.
(a) Each buoyant work vest on a unit must be approved under Subpart 160.053 or Subpart 160.077 of this chapter.
(b) Commercial hybrid PFD’s carried as work vests must be—
(1) Used, stowed, and maintained in accordance with the procedures set out in the manual required for these devices by §160.077–29 of this chapter and any limitation(s) market on them; and
(2) Of the same or similar design and have the same method of operation as...