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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Personal Flotation Device (PFD)

The danger of falling overboard, capsizing, or sinking is always present while underway. Few people can stay alive for long in the water without some type of survival equipment. Fear, fatigue, and exposure are the enemies of water survival. The boat Coxswain has overall responsibility for the safety of the boat and crew including ensuring that all required safety equipment is onboard, readily accessible, in working condition, and its use and operation understood by all. However, each boat crewmember has the personal responsibility to stay alert and knowledgeable in these matters.

The term personal flotation device (PFD) is a general name for the various types of devices designed to keep a person afloat in water. PFDs include life preservers, vests, cushions, rings, and other throw-able items. They are available in five different types: Type I, II, III, IV and V. Each type of PFD provides a certain amount of flotation. Regardless of the type, all PFDs must be Coast Guard-approved. A usable PFD is labeled Coast Guard-approved, in good serviceable condition, and of appropriate size for the intended user.

Coxswains, crewmembers, boarding officers and guests operating in a marked Port Police boat or conducting operations near the shoreline shall have a PFD readily accessible on their patrol boat. All on-duty Port Police Coxswains and crewmembers shall wear a Type V PFD while underway or conducting operations near a shoreline at all times.



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