§ 175.140 Prohibited use.

No person in a boat shall display a visual distress signal on waters to which this subpart applies under any circumstance except a situation where assistance is needed because of immediate or potential danger to the persons on board.

Subpart D—Ventilation

§ 175.201 Ventilation.

No person may operate a boat built after July 31, 1980, that has a gasoline engine for electrical generation, mechanical power, or propulsion unless it is equipped with an operable ventilation system that meets the requirements of 33 CFR 183.610 (a), (b), (d), (e), and (f) and 183.620 (a).

PART 177—CORRECTION OF ESPECIALLY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

§ 177.01 Purpose and applicability.

This part prescribes rules to implement section 4308 of Title 46 United States Code which governs the correction of especially hazardous conditions on recreational vessels and uninspected passenger vessels on waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and, for a vessel owned in the United States, on the high seas, except operators of:

(a) Foreign boats temporarily using waters subject to United States jurisdiction;
(b) Military or public boats of the United States, except recreational-type public boats;
(c) A boat whose owner is a State or subdivision thereof, which is used principally for governmental purposes and which is clearly identifiable as such;
(d) Ship’s lifeboats.

§ 177.03 Definitions.

As used in this part:
(a) [Reserved]
(b) Boat means any vessel—
1. Manufactured or used primarily for noncommercial use;
2. Leased, rented, or chartered to another for the latter’s noncommercial use; or
3. Operated as an uninspected passenger vessel subject to the requirements of 46 CFR chapter I, subchapter C.
(c) Coast Guard Boarding Officer means a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard having authority to board any vessel under the Act of August 4, 1949, 63 Stat. 502, as amended (14 U.S.C. 89).
(d) Operator means the person who is in control or in charge of a boat while it is in use.
(e) Use means operate, navigate, or employ.
(f) Vessel includes every description of watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.

§ 177.04 Order of unsafe condition.

(a) The Commandant has redelegated to Coast Guard District Commanders, with the reservation that this authority shall not be further redelegated, the authority, under 46 U.S.C. 4308, to issue orders applicable to a specific boat within the District Commander’s jurisdiction designating that boat unsafe for a specific voyage on a specified