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(hh) *Tool kit.* The tool kit must consist of at least the following tools in a suitable container:

- (1) One 12-ounce ball peen hammer.
- (2) One screwdriver with 6-inch blade.
- (3) One pair 8-inch slip joint pliers.
- (4) One 8-inch adjustable end wrench.

(ii) *Water.* (1) For each person the lifeboat is certified to carry, there must be provided three quarts of drinking water in containers approved under subpart 160.026. Water must be replaced no later than the first annual stripping, cleaning, and overhaul of the lifeboat after date of expiration.

(2) One or more desalting kits, approved under subpart 160.058 of this chapter, may be used as a substitute for one-third of the drinking water required.

(3) The drinking water must be stowed in drinking water tanks, lockers, or other compartments providing suitable protection.

(jj) *Whistle, signaling.* The whistle must be of the ball-type or multi-tone type, of corrosion resistant construction, with a 36-inch lanyard attached, and in good working order.

(kk) *Fishing kit.* The fishing kit must be approved under subpart 160.061 of this chapter.

(ll) *Cover, protecting.* The cover must be of highly visible color and capable of protecting the occupants against exposure.

(mm) *Table of lifesaving signals.* The table of lifesaving signals must be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter V, Regulation 16, of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and must be printed on water resistant paper.

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§ 169.535 Required equipment for lifefloats.

Each lifefloat must be equipped in accordance with Table 169.535. The equipment is described in § 169.537.

TABLE 169.535

Letter identification and Item	Number required for each lifefloat	
	Exposed and partially protected water	Protected water
(a) Boathook	1	1
(b) Lifeline	1	1
(c) Paddles	4	4

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Letter identification and Item	Number required for each lifefloat	
	Exposed and partially protected water	Protected water
(d) Painter	1	1
(e) Water light	1	None

§ 169.537 Description of equipment for lifefloats.

(a) *Boathook.* Each boathook must be of the single hook ball point type. Boathook handles must be of clear grained white ash, or equivalent, not less than 6 feet long and 1½ inches in diameter.

(b) *Lifeline and pendants.* The lifeline and pendants must be as furnished by the manufacturer with approved life floats. Replacement lifelines and pendants must meet the requirements in subpart 160.010 of this chapter.

(c) *Paddles.* Paddles must be not less than 5 feet long.

(d) *Painter.* The painter must—

(1) Be at least 30m (100 ft.) long, but not less than 3 times the distance between the deck on which the life float(s) are stowed and the light draft of the vessel,

(2) Have a breaking strength of at least 6.7 KN (1500 lbs.), except that if the capacity of the life float is 50 persons or more, the breaking strength must be at least 13.4 KN (3000 lbs.),

(3) Be of a dark color, if synthetic, or of a type certified to be resistant to deterioration from ultraviolet light, and

(4) Be stowed in such a way it runs freely when the life float floats away from the sinking vessel.

(e) *Water light.* The water light must be approved under subpart 161.010 of this chapter. The water light must be attached to the lifefloat by a 12-thread manila or equivalent synthetic lanyard 3 fathoms in length.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

§ 169.539 Type required.

All personal flotation devices (PFDs) must be either—

(a) A Type I approved under subpart 160.055, 160.002, or 160.005 of Subchapter Q (specification) of this chapter; or

(b) a Type V approved specifically for sailing school vessel use under subpart