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(b) *Passenger vessels.* In addition to the exemptions in paragraph (a) of this section, passenger vessels operating in coastwise; Great Lakes; lakes, bays, and sounds; and rivers service are exempt from requirements in subparts A through E of this part as specified in table 199.610(b) of this section.

**TABLE 199.610(b)—EXEMPTIONS FOR PASSENGER VESSELS IN SPECIFIED SERVICES**

Section or paragraph in this part	Service			
	Coastwise	Great Lakes	Lakes, bays, and sounds	Rivers
199.203: Marshalling of liferafts .....	Not Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt.
199.211(b): Lights on lifebuoys .....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
199.212(a): Carriage of additional five percent lifejackets.	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt.
199.214: Immersion suits and thermal protective aids in lifeboats.	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Exempt	Exempt.

NOTE:  
<sup>1</sup> Exempt if the length of vessel is under 60 meters (197 feet) and there are self-igniting lights attached to at least one-half the required lifebuoys.

(c) *Cargo vessels.* In addition to the exemptions in paragraph (a) of this section, cargo vessels are exempt from requirements in subparts A through E of this part as specified in table 199.610(c) of this section.

**TABLE 199.610(c)—EXEMPTIONS FOR CARGO VESSELS IN SPECIFIED SERVICES**

Section or paragraph in this part	Service				
	Oceans	Coastwise	Great Lakes	Lakes, Bays, and Sounds	Rivers
199.70(a)(3)(ii): Lights on lifebuoys .....	Not exempt	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
199.80(b): Muster list .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
199.262(a): Rescue boats .....	(2 3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
199.273: Immersion suits .....	Not exempt	Not exempt	Not exempt	Exempt	Exempt

NOTES:  
<sup>1</sup> Exempt if the length of vessel is under 30 meters (99 feet).  
<sup>2</sup> Exempt if the vessel is under 500 tons gross tonnage.  
<sup>3</sup> Exempt if—(i) the OCMI determines the vessel is arranged to allow a helpless person to be recovered from the water.  
(ii) recovery of the helpless person can be observed from the navigating bridge; and  
(iii) the vessel does not regularly engage in operations that restrict its maneuverability.

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**§ 199.620 Alternatives for all vessels in a specified service.** may comply with alternative requirements to subparts A through E of this part as described in this section for the services specified in table 199.620(a) of this section.

(a) *General.* Vessels operating in oceans; coastwise; Great Lakes; lakes, bays, and sounds; and rivers service

**TABLE 199.620(a)—ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VESSELS IN A SPECIFIED SERVICE**

Section or paragraph in this part:	Service and reference to alternative requirement section or paragraph				
	Oceans	Coastwise	Great Lakes	Lakes, bays and sounds	Rivers
199.70(a): Lifebuoy approval series .....	199.620(b) <sup>1</sup> ...	199.620(b) <sup>1</sup> ...	199.620(b) .....	199.620(b) .....	199.620(b).
199.70(b): Lifejacket approval series .....	199.620(c) <sup>2</sup> ...	199.620(c) <sup>2</sup> ...	199.620(c) .....	199.620(c) .....	199.620(c).
199.70(b)(1): Number of lifejackets carried	No Alternative	199.620(d) .....	199.620(d) .....	199.620(d) .....	199.620(d).
199.70(b)(4)(i): Lifejacket light approval series.	No Alternative	199.620(e) .....	199.620(e) .....	Not Applicable	Not Applicable.
199.100(b): Manning of survival craft .....	No Alternative	No Alternative	No Alternative	No Alternative	199.620(o).
199.110(f): Embarkation ladder .....	199.620(f) .....	199.620(f) .....	199.620(f) .....	199.620(f) .....	199.620(f).
199.130(b): Survival craft stowage position.	No Alternative	No Alternative	199.620(g) .....	199.620(g) .....	199.620(g).

TABLE 199.620(a)—ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VESSELS IN A SPECIFIED SERVICE—Continued

Section or paragraph in this part:	Service and reference to alternative requirement section or paragraph				
	Oceans	Coastwise	Great Lakes	Lakes, bays and sounds	Rivers
199.170: Line-throwing appliance approval series.	199.620(h) <sup>2</sup> ...	199.620(h) <sup>3</sup> ...	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable.
199.175: Lifeboat, rescue boat, and rigid liferaft equipment.	199.620(i) <sup>4</sup> ....	199.620(i) .....	199.620(j) .....	199.620(j) .....	199.620(j).
199.180 Training and drills .....	199.620(p) .....	199.620(p) .....	199.620(p) .....	199.620(p) .....	199.620(p).
199.190: Spares and repair equipment ....	199.620(n) .....	199.620(n) .....	199.620(n) .....	199.620(n) .....	199.620(n).
199.190(g)(3): Service Intervals for inflatable liferaft or inflatable buoyant apparatus.	199.620(q) .....	199.620(q) .....	199.620(q) .....	199.620(q) .....	199.620(q).
199.201(a)(2) or 199.261: Inflatable liferaft equipment.	199.620(l) <sup>4</sup> ....	199.620(l) .....	199.620(l) .....	199.620(l) .....	199.620(l).
199.201(a)(2) or 199.261: Liferaft approval series.	No Alternative	199.620(k) .....	199.620(k) .....	199.620(k) .....	199.620(k).

<sup>1</sup> Alternative applies if lifebuoy is orange.  
<sup>2</sup> Alternative applies only to cargo vessels that are less than 500 tons gross tonnage.  
<sup>3</sup> Alternative applies to cargo vessels that are less than 500 tons gross tonnage and to all passenger vessels.  
<sup>4</sup> Alternative applies to passenger vessels limited to operating no more than 50 nautical miles from shore.

(b) *Lifebuoy approval series.* As an alternative to a lifebuoy approved under approval series 160.150, vessels may carry a lifebuoy approved under approval series 160.050.

(c) *Lifejackets approval series.* As an alternative to a lifejacket meeting the approval requirements in §199.70, vessels may carry a lifejacket approved under approval series 160.002, 160.005, 160.055, or 160.077.

(d) *Lifejacket quantity.* Vessels may carry lifejackets as follows:

(1) If lifejackets are stowed in cabins, staterooms, or berthing areas that are readily accessible to each watch or work station, the requirement in §199.70(b)(2)(iv) to have lifejackets at each watch or work station need not be met.

(2) If the vessel carries lifejackets that are designated extended-size, then the number of child-size lifejackets carried to meet §199.70(b)(1)(i) may be reduced. To take the reduction in child-size lifejackets, extended-size lifejackets having the same lower size limit must be substituted for all of the required adult lifejackets. The number of child-size lifejackets required depends on the lower size limit of the extended-size lifejackets and is calculated by any one of the following formulas where PC is the number of child-size lifejackets expressed as a percentage of the number of lifejackets required under §199.70(b)(1):

(i)  $PC=LS+4.1$ , where LS equals the lower size limit expressed in kilograms.

(ii)  $PC=LS+9$ , where LS equals the lower size limit expressed in pounds.

(iii)  $PC=(LS-81)+7.6$ , where LS equals the lower size limit expressed in centimeters.

(iv)  $PC=(LS-32)+3$ , where LS equals the lower size limit expressed in inches.

(e) *Lifejacket light approval series.* As an alternative to lights approved under approval series 161.112, vessels may use lights for lifejackets and immersions suits approved under series 161.012. However, lifejacket lights bearing Coast Guard approval number 161.012/2/1 are not permitted on vessels certificated to operate on waters where water temperature may drop below 10 °C (50 °F).

(f) *Embarkation ladder.* An embarkation ladder may be a chain ladder approved under approval series 160.017.

(g) *Survival craft stowage positions.* Vessels having widely separated accommodation and service spaces may have, as an alternative to the requirements of §199.130(b), all required lifeboats and 50 percent of the required liferafts stowed as close as possible to the accommodation and service space that normally holds the greatest number of persons, with the remainder of the liferafts stowed as close as possible

to each other accommodation and service space.

(h) *Line-throwing appliance approval series.* As an alternative to a line-throwing appliance that meets the requirements in §199.170, vessels may carry a line-throwing appliance approved under approval series 160.031, which may have an auxiliary line that is at least 150 meters (500 feet).

(i) *Lifeboat, rescue boat, and rigid life-raft equipment; oceans and coastwise.* Lifeboats, rescue boats, and rigid life-

rafts may carry the equipment specified in table 199.175 of this part for vessels on a short international voyage.

(j) *Lifeboat, rescue boat, and rigid life-raft equipment; other services.* As an alternative to meeting the survival craft equipment requirements of §199.175, a vessel may carry the equipment specified in table 199.620(j) of this section under the vessel's category of service. Each item in the table has the same description as in §199.175.

TABLE 199.620(j)—SURVIVAL CRAFT EQUIPMENT

Item No.	Item	Great Lakes			Lakes, bays and sounds			Rivers		
		Life-boat	Rigid life-raft	Rescue boat	Life-boat	Rigid life-raft	Rescue boat	Life-boat	Rigid life-raft	Rescue boat
1	Bailer <sup>1</sup> .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....
2	Bilge pump <sup>2</sup> .....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Boathook .....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	1
4	Bucket <sup>3</sup> .....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....
9	Fire extinguisher .....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	1
12	Flashlight .....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Hatchet .....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
15	Instruction card .....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
18	Ladder .....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Oars, units <sup>4,5</sup> .....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	1
	Paddles .....	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....
21	Painter .....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
23	Pump <sup>6</sup> .....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
26	Repair kit <sup>6</sup> .....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
27	Sea anchor .....	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Searchlight .....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	Signal, hand flare .....	6	6	.....	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Signal, parachute flare .....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	Skates and fenders <sup>7</sup> .....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	1
34	Sponge <sup>6</sup> .....	.....	2	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
35	Survival instructions .....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	Tool kit .....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
39	Towline <sup>8</sup> .....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	1

NOTES:

- <sup>1</sup> Each life-raft approved for 13 persons or more must carry two of these items.
- <sup>2</sup> Not required for boats of self-bailing design.
- <sup>3</sup> Not required for inflated or rigid-inflated rescue boats.
- <sup>4</sup> Oars not required on a free-fall lifeboat; a unit of oars means the number of oars specified by the boat manufacturer.
- <sup>5</sup> Rescue boats may substitute buoyant paddles for oars, as specified by the manufacturer.
- <sup>6</sup> Not required for a rigid rescue boat.
- <sup>7</sup> Required if specified by the manufacturer.
- <sup>8</sup> Required only if the lifeboat is also the rescue boat.

(k) *Life-raft approval series.* As an alternative to life-rafts that meet the requirements in §§199.201(a) and 199.261(a), vessels may—

(1) Carry inflatable life-rafts approved under approval series 160.051; and

(2) Have life-rafts with a capacity less than six persons.

(l) *Inflatable life-raft equipment.* As an alternative to the SOLAS A Pack, vessels may have a SOLAS B Pack for each inflatable life-raft.

(m) [Reserved]

(n) *Spare parts and repair equipment.* As an alternative to carrying spare parts and repair equipment as required in §199.190(c), a vessel need not carry spare parts and repair equipment if it operates daily out of a shore base where spare parts and repair equipment are available.

(o) Deckhands may be used to operate the survival craft and launching arrangements.

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(p) Training and drill subjects required under § 199.180 may be omitted if the vessel is not fitted with the relevant equipment, installation or system.

(q) For a new liferaft or inflatable buoyant apparatus, the first annual servicing may be deferred to two years after initial packing if so indicated on the servicing sticker.

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§ 199.630 Alternatives for passenger vessels in a specified service.

(a) In addition to the alternatives for certain requirements in § 199.620, passenger vessels operating in oceans; coastwise; Great Lakes; lakes, bays, and sounds; and rivers service may comply with alternative requirements to subparts A through C of this part as described in this section for the services specified in table 199.630(a) of this section.

TABLE 199.630(a)—ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER VESSELS IN A SPECIFIED SERVICE

Section or paragraph in this part	Service and reference to alternative requirement section or paragraph				
	Oceans	Coastwise	Great Lakes	Lakes, bays, and sounds	Rivers
199.60(c): Distress signals.	No Alternative	No Alternative	199.630(b) .....	Not Applicable .....	Not Applicable.
199.100(c): Person in charge of survival craft.	No Alternative	199.630(l) .....	199.630(l) .....	199.630(l) .....	199.630(l)
199.100(d): Lifeboat second-in-command.	No Alternative	No Alternative	199.630(m) .....	199.630(m) .....	Not Applicable.
199.201(b): Number and type of survival craft carried.	199.630(c) <sup>1</sup> .....	199.630(c) or 199.630(d) <sup>2</sup> .	199.630(c) or 199.630(d) <sup>2</sup> or 199.630(e) or 199.630(f) <sup>2</sup> or 199.630(g) <sup>2,3</sup> or 199.630(h) <sup>4</sup> .	199.630(c) or 199.630(d) or 199.630(e) or 199.630(f) <sup>2</sup> or 199.630(g) or 199.630(h) <sup>4</sup> .	199.630(c) or 199.630(e) or 199.630(f) or 199.630(g) or 199.630(h) <sup>4</sup> .
199.202: Rescue boat approval series.	No Alternative	No Alternative	No Alternative .....	199.630(i) <sup>5</sup> .....	199.630(i).
199.203: Marshaling of liferafts.	No Alternative	199.630(j) .....	Not Applicable .....	Not Applicable .....	Not Applicable.
199.211(a): Quantity of lifebuoys.	No Alternative	199.630(k) .....	199.630(k) .....	199.630(k) .....	199.630(k).

NOTES:  
<sup>1</sup> Alternative applies if the vessel operates on a route no more than 50 nautical miles from shore.  
<sup>2</sup> Alternative applies if the vessel is a ferry or has no overnight accommodations for passengers.  
<sup>3</sup> Alternative applies during periods of the year the vessel operates in warm water.  
<sup>4</sup> Alternative applies if the vessel operates in shallow water not more than 3 miles from shore where the vessel cannot sink deep enough to submerge the topmost deck.  
<sup>5</sup> Alternative applies if the vessel operates on sheltered lakes or harbors.

(b) As an alternative to distress signals that meet the requirements of § 199.60, vessels may carry at least 12 hand red flare distress signals approved under approval series 160.021 or 160.121.

(c) As an alternative to the lifeboat capacity requirements of § 199.201(b)(1)(i), vessels may carry lifeboats with an aggregate capacity sufficient to accommodate not less than 30 percent of the total number of persons on board. These lifeboats must be equally distributed, as far as practicable, on each side of the vessel. Life-

rafts on these vessels may be either SOLAS A or SOLAS B liferafts.

(d) As an alternative to the survival craft requirements of § 199.201(b), vessels may carry inflatable buoyant apparatus having an aggregate capacity, together with the capacities of any lifeboats, rescue boats, and liferafts carried on board sufficient to accommodate the total number of persons on board. These inflatable buoyant apparatus must—

(1) Be served by launching appliances or marine evacuation systems evenly distributed on each side of the vessel if