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SUBJ/COMNAVSAFECEN AFLOAT SAFETY ADVISORY 10-11, GUIDANCE ON/LIFE PRESERVERS DURING SMALL BOAT HOISTING AND LOWERING//

REF/A/DESC:DOC/CNO/16JUN2011// AMPN/REF A IS OPNAVINST 3120.32C (W/CHG 7), STANDARD ORGANIZATION AND REGULATIONS OF THE U.S. NAVY//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. DURING A SHIPBOARD MAN OVERBOARD MISHAP, A SAR SWIMMER VERY NEARLY BECAME A CLASS A FATALITY BECAUSE HE DID NOT DON A KAPOK LIFE PRESERVER DURING THE RECOVERY OF THE RHIB IN WHICH HE WAS EMBARKED. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS REITERATED CONCERNING THE WEARING OF INHERENTLY BUOYANCY LIFE PRESERVERS DURING BOAT LAUNCH AND RECOVERY. AS STATED IN REF A, PARA 630.1D(3) (PAGE 6-98), "ALL PERSONS IN BOATS BEING HOISTED IN OR OUT BY THE DAVITS SHALL WEAR KAPOK LIFE PRESERVERS AND SAFETY HELMETS." THIS DIRECTIVE APPLIES TO ALL BOAT CREW MEMBERS AND PASSENGERS, INCLUDING EMBARKED SAR SWIMMERS, UNDER ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENT CARD 5832, ALL INHERENTLY BUOYANCY LIFE PRESERVERS WILL INCLUDE REFLECTIVE TAPE, WHISTLE, DISTRESS MARKER LIGHT OR PERSONNEL MARKER LIGHT, SEA DYE MARKER, AND MOBI TRANSMITTER. THEY WILL BE MAINTAINED IAW APPLICABLE PMS PROCEDURES.

3. TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARA 630.1C(8)(3) OF REF A, LIFE PRESERVERS SHALL BE READILY ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL CREW MEMBERS AND PASSENGERS. THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ALLOWED IN A BOAT SHALL NEVER EXCEED THE NUMBER OF LIFE JACKETS AVAILABLE.//

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