

RULE AMENDMENT

#304 - PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

1. A river outfitter shall ensure that each commercial passenger participating in a regulated trip is provided with a personal flotation device that is **in good and serviceable condition and of the proper size for the intended wearer and is:**
 - a. U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, **Type III**, or Type V - whitewater non-inflatable, except that:
 - ~~(1) When the person is in a canoe, whitewater or decked canoe, hard shell kayak, inflatable kayak or sit-on-top kayak, a Type III non-inflatable personal flotation device may be worn in lieu of a Type I or Type V whitewater noninflatable device.~~
 - (21) If the person weighs fifty pounds or less, a Type II- non-inflatable personal flotation device may be worn in lieu of a Type I, **Type III**, or Type V- whitewater non-inflatable device, provided it is a vest style designed with a crotch strap and an additional flotation collar.
 - b. ~~In good and serviceable condition and of the proper size for the intended wearer.~~ **All Type III personal flotation devices must have a minimum of 2 adjustable straps on the side, 1 adjustable waist strap and adjustable shoulder straps, capable of retaining the wearer in swift water conditions. Type III personal flotation devices must be intended for paddling or kayak use by the U.S. Coast Guard and labeled accordingly.**

305 - VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT

4. The trip leader shall ensure that every regulated trip carries aboard at least one of the vessels a throwbag containing a minimum of fifty feet of **at least 3/8-inch** rope. The throwbag shall be in a serviceable condition and shall be stored so as to be readily accessible in an emergency.