

#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 personal flotation devices must have an adequate suspension system, capable of retaining the wearer in swift water conditions.**

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.