

Because of comments received, the final rule language was changed from the proposed rule language as follows:

Stakeholder Comment	CR-102 language	CR-103 language	Comment
<p>WAC 296-115-050(3)(a)</p> <p>Needs additional language stating that floatation devices are only required for vessels that operate further than a certain distance from shore.</p>	<p>WAC 296-115-050</p> <p>(3) The following lifesaving equipment is required:</p> <p>(a) All vessels carrying passenger must carry life floats or buoyant apparatus for all persons on board.</p> <p>(b) All life floats or buoyant apparatus must be international orange in color.</p> <p>(c) Vessels operating not more than one mile from land may be permitted to operate with reduced numbers of life floats or buoyant apparatus if the assistant director determines it is safe.</p> <p>(d) Lifeboats, life rafts, dinghies, dories, skiffs, or similar type craft may be substituted for the required life floats or buoyant apparatus if the substitution is approved by the assistant director</p> <p>(e) Life floats, buoyant apparatus, or any authorized substitute must have the</p>	<p>WAC 296-115-050</p> <p>(3) The following lifesaving equipment is required:</p> <p>(a) All vessels carrying passenger must carry life floats or buoyant apparatus for all persons on board.</p> <p>(i) All life floats or buoyant apparatus must be international orange in color.</p> <p>(ii) Vessels operating not more than one mile from land may be permitted to operate without or with reduced numbers of life floats or buoyant apparatus if the assistant director determines it is safe.</p> <p>(iii) Lifeboats, life rafts, dinghies, dories, skiffs, or similar type craft may be substituted for the required life floats or buoyant apparatus if the substitution is approved</p>	<p>We renumbered to show that (b) through (e) are all subrequirements of (a).</p> <p>We also clarified that for vessels operating within one mile from land, “reduced numbers” of life floats or buoyant apparatus could mean none, when permitted by the Assistant Director.</p>

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	following equipment: (i) A life line around the sides at least equivalent to 3/8 inch manila, festooned in bights or at least three feet, with a seine float in the center of each bight. (ii) Two paddles or oars not less than four feet in length. (iii) A painter of at least thirty feet in length and of at least two-inch manila or the equivalent.	by the assistant director (iv) Life floats, buoyant apparatus, or any authorized substitute must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and have the following equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two paddles or oars not less than four feet in length. • A painter of at least half-inch diameter and thirty feet in length 	
<p>WAC 296-115-050 Regarding (5)(a)(i) on fire protection equipment. We have never been required to have a fire main system. The vessel was built to Coast Guard standards when it was built.</p>	<p>WAC 296-115-050 (5) (a) Fire pumps. (i) All vessels carrying more than 49 passengers must carry an approved power fire pump, and have a fire main system, including fire main, hydrants, hose, and nozzles. The fire hose may be a good commercial grade garden hose of not less than 5/8 inch size.</p>	<p>WAC 296-115-050 (5) (a) Fire pumps. (i) All vessels carrying more than 49 passengers must carry an approved power fire pump capable of reaching any part of the vessel.</p>	Deleted the extra information about a fire main.
<p>WAC 296-115-060(3)(i) Need further clarification on what hazardous materials could be legally carried on a</p>	<p>WAC 296-115-060(3)(i) Carrying hazardous substances is prohibited on vessels. However, the assistant director</p>	<p>WAC 296-115-060(3)(i) Carrying hazardous substances is prohibited on vessels. However, the assistant director</p>	The definitions section includes a definition of hazardous materials.

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passenger vessel, where they should be carried, how they should be handled. Hazardous materials can be anything from a can of fly spray to a 5-gallon can of gasoline.	may authorize a vessel to carry specific types and quantities of hazardous substances if the assistant director deems it necessary.	may authorize a vessel to carry specific types and quantities of hazardous substances if the assistant director approves the type, quantity, and manner in which it is carried.	However, we added more detail about the Assistant Director allowing hazardous materials under certain conditions.