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1. The Coast Guard has recently announced a soon to be implemented change to its list of approved life jackets which all active duty and many auxiliarists will have to comply with by June 1, 2009. The only life jackets that will be approved for use in the CG Rescue & Survival Manual after the compliance date will be ones that have been dynamic strength tested to 50mph. Not all Auxiliarists will be required to comply.
2. Only auxiliary surface facilities which can exceed 35mph will be required to comply with the new minimum floatation requirement by June 1, 2009.
3. All surface facilities that do not have the capability to exceed 35mph will be unaffected and may continue to wear currently approved PFD's including the float coat.
4. All of our pierside/shore based programs will be unaffected and may continue to wear the PFD's they have now including the float coat.
5. PWC's will continue with what they have been approved to use with no changes. None of the CG 50mph dynamic tested PFD's listed in the manual are for use with PWC's.
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