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up to 24 meters in load line length**

TO: Recognised Organisations, Shipowners, Managers, Masters, Seafarers, SMSR partners, SMSR brokers, Surveyors, and the general public.



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With regard to the application of the requirements of the Small Yacht Safety Code to yachts below 24 metres in load line length in private use, reference is made to the Code as well as to SMPL-2021-TEC-010 San Marino Small Yacht Code – Application to yachts in private use.

While the requirements set by the Code are not considered as mandatory for pleasure yachts in private use below 24 metres in load line length, full compliance is nevertheless strongly recommended.

In general, all life-saving equipment, including life rafts, lifejackets, and lifebuoys shall be type-approved in compliance with the Life-saving Appliances Code (LSA) or the Marine Equipment Directive (MED), directive 2014/90/EU.

1. Life rafts

The life rafts shall, in general, be contained in FRP containers or an equivalent suitable arrangement, stowed on the weather deck or in an open space and shall be fitted with float-free arrangements (hydrostatic release units) so that the life raft is able to float free and inflate automatically. The life rafts provided on board shall be constructed according to SOLAS standards, have insulated floor and canopy, and be equipped with a “SOLAS A” pack.

However, in certain environmental conditions, and on yachts below 24 metres in load line length, life rafts may be in compliance with ISO 9650-1 or ISO 9650-2 standards, according to table I.

Table I

	SOLAS	ISO 9650-1	ISO 9650-2
Unrestricted navigation	X pack A		
Up to 150 miles from a safe haven	X pack B	X	
Up to 60 miles from a safe haven	X pack B	X	X
Up to 20 miles from a safe haven	X pack B		X



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2. Lifejackets

Lifejackets shall, in general, comply with the LSA Code.

However, those in compliance with ISO 12402 standards may be used, as indicated in table II.

Table II

	SOLAS - LSA code	ISO 12402-2, 275 N	ISO 12402-3, 150 N
Unrestricted navigation	X		
Up to 150 miles from a safe haven	X	X	
Up to 60 miles from a safe haven	X	X	
Up to 20 miles from a safe haven			X

3. Lifebuoys

Lifebuoys must be marked with the vessel's name and Port of Registry (San Marino).

Lifebuoys shall be in compliance with the LSA Code or the Marine Equipment Directive (MED) 2014/90/EU.

In such cases where the equipment installed on board does not comply with the aforementioned tables, an equivalent standard of safety must be guaranteed at all times.