

**Subpart B—Requirements for All OSVs**

**§ 133.60 Communications.**

(a) *Emergency position indicating radiobeacons (EPIRB).* (1) Each OSV must carry a category 1 406 MHz satellite EPIRB meeting the requirements of 47 CFR part 80.

(2) When the OSV is underway, the EPIRB must be stowed in its float-free bracket with the controls set for automatic activation and mounted in a manner so that it will float free if the OSV sinks.

(3) Each EPIRB should have the name of the OSV plainly marked or painted on its label, except for EPIRBs in an inflatable liferaft or permanently installed in a survival craft.

(b) *Distress flares.* Each OSV must—

(1) Carry not less than 12 rocket parachute flares approved under approval series 160.136; and

(2) Stow the flares on or near the OSV's navigating bridge.

(c) *Onboard communications and alarm systems.* Each OSV must meet the requirements for onboard communications between emergency control stations, muster and embarkation stations, and strategic positions on board, and the emergency alarm system requirements in part J of this chapter, and be supplemented by either a public address system or other suitable means of communication.

(d) *Emergency position indicating radio-beacon alternative.* OSVs, as an alternative to the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section, may until February 1, 1999, have a Coast Guard-approved class A EPIRB, if the EPIRB was—

(1) Manufactured after October 1, 1988; and

(2) Installed on the OSV on or before July 5, 1996.

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**§ 133.70 Personal lifesaving appliances.**

(a) *Lifebuys.* Each OSV must carry lifebuys approved under approval series 160.150 or 160.050 as follows:

(1) *Number.* The number of lifebuys carried must be as prescribed in table 133.70 of this section.

TABLE 133.70

Length of vessel in meters (feet)	Minimum number of ring lifebuys	
	Ocean service	Coast-wise service
Under 30 (98) .....	8	3
30 (98) and under 60 (196) .....	8	4
60 (196) and under 100 (328) .....	8	6
100 (328) and over .....	12	12

(2) *Stowage.* Lifebuys must be stowed as follows:

(i) Each lifebuy must be capable of being rapidly cast loose.

(ii) Each lifebuy must not be permanently secured to the OSV in any way.

(iii) Each lifebuy stowage position must be marked with either the words "LIFEBUOY" or "LIFE BUOY", or with the appropriate symbol from IMO Resolution A.760(18).

(iv) Lifebuys must be so distributed as to be readily available on each side of the OSV and, as far as practicable, on each open deck extending to the side of the OSV. At least one lifebuy must be located near the stern of the OSV. The lifebuys with attached self-igniting lights must be equally distributed on both sides of the OSV.

(3) *Color and markings.* Lifebuys must be colored and marked as follows:

(i) Each lifebuy must be orange.

(ii) Each lifebuy must be marked in block capital letters with the name of the OSV and the name of the port required to be marked on the stern of the OSV under subpart 67.123 of this chapter.

(4) *Attachments and fittings.* Lifebuys must have the following attachments and fittings:

(i) At least one lifebuy on each side of the OSV fitted with a buoyant lifeline that is—

(A) At least as long as twice the height where it is stowed above the waterline in the lightest seagoing condition, or 30 meters (100 feet), whichever is the greater;

(B) Non-kinking;

(C) Not less than 8 millimeters (<sup>5</sup>/<sub>16</sub> inch) in diameter;