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**§ 199.610 Exemptions for vessels in specified services.**

(a) *All vessels.* Vessels operating in coastwise, Great Lakes, lakes, bays

and sounds, and rivers services are exempt from requirements in subparts A through E of this part as specified in table 199.610(a) of this section.

TABLE 199.610(a)—EXEMPTIONS FOR ALL VESSELS IN SPECIFIED SERVICES

Section or paragraph in this part	Service			
	Coastwise	Great Lakes	Lakes, bays, and sounds	Rivers
199.60(c): Distress signals .....	(1)	(1)	Exempt .....	Exempt.
199.70(a)(3)(iii): Lifebuoys fitted with smoke signals .....	Exempt .....	Exempt .....	Exempt .....	Exempt.
199.70(b)(1)(i): Carriage of additional child-size lifejackets .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
199.70(b)(4)(i): Lifejacket lights (for lifejackets) .....	(3)	(3)	Exempt .....	Exempt.
199.70(c)(4)(i): Lifejacket lights (for immersion suits) .....	(3)	(3)	Exempt .....	Exempt.
199.70(b)(4)(ii): Lifejacket whistles .....	Exempt .....	Exempt .....	Exempt .....	Exempt.
199.70(c): Immersion suits for rescue boat crew members .....	Not Exempt .....	Not Exempt .....	Exempt .....	Exempt.
199.70(c)(4)(ii): Immersion suit whistles .....	Exempt .....	Exempt .....	Exempt .....	Exempt.
199.100(c)(1): Requirements for person-in-charge of survival craft .....	Not Exempt .....	Not Exempt .....	Not Exempt .....	Exempt.
199.100(d): Designation of second-in-command of lifeboat .....	(4)	(4)	(4)	Exempt.
199.110(f): Embarkation ladders at launching stations .....	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
199.130(a)(4): Survival craft stowage position .....	Not Exempt .....	Not Exempt .....	Exempt .....	Exempt.
199.170: Line-throwing appliance .....	Not Exempt .....	Exempt .....	Exempt .....	Exempt.
199.175(b)(21)(i)(G) or 199.640(j)(4)(iii)(E): Float-free link .....	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
199.190(j): Renewal of survival craft falls .....	Not Exempt .....	(7)	(7)	(7)
199.202 or 199.262 Rescue boats .....	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)
199.510: EPIRB requirement .....	(8,9)	(8,10)	Exempt .....	Exempt.

NOTES:

- <sup>1</sup> Exempt if the vessel operates on a route with a duration of 30 minutes or less.
- <sup>2</sup> Exempt if the vessel does not carry persons smaller than the lower size limit of the lifejackets carried.
- <sup>3</sup> Exempt if the vessel is a ferry or has no overnight accommodations.
- <sup>4</sup> Exempt if the lifeboat has a carrying capacity of less than 40 persons.
- <sup>5</sup> Exempt if the distance is less than 3 meters (10 feet) from the embarkation deck to the water with the vessel in its lightest seagoing operating condition.
- <sup>6</sup> Exempt if the vessel operates on a route on which the water depth is never more than the length of the painter.
- <sup>7</sup> Exempt if the vessel operates on a fresh water route and inspection shows that the falls are not damaged by corrosion.
- <sup>8</sup> Exempt if the vessel is non-self propelled and in tow, moored to or alongside a MODU or a self-propelled vessel, or moored to shore.
- <sup>9</sup> Exempt if the vessel is a cargo vessel under 300 tons gross tonnage and operates on a route no more than 3 nautical miles from shore.
- <sup>10</sup> Exempt if the vessel operates on a route no more than 3 nautical miles from shore.

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(b) *Passenger vessels.* In addition to the exemptions in paragraph (a) of this section, passenger vessels operating in coastwise; Great Lakes; lakes, bays, and sounds; and rivers service are exempt from requirements in subparts A through E of this part as specified in table 199.610(b) of this section.

TABLE 199.610(b)—EXEMPTIONS FOR PASSENGER VESSELS IN SPECIFIED SERVICES

Section or paragraph in this part	Service			
	Coastwise	Great Lakes	Lakes, bays, and sounds	Rivers
199.203: Marshalling of liferafts .....	Not Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt.
199.211(b): Lights on lifebuoys .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
199.212(a): Carriage of additional five percent lifejackets.	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt.
199.214: Immersion suits and thermal protective aids in lifeboats.	Not Exempt	Not Exempt	Exempt	Exempt.

NOTE:  
<sup>1</sup> Exempt if the length of vessel is under 60 meters (197 feet) and there are self-igniting lights attached to at least one-half the required lifebuoys.

(c) *Cargo vessels.* In addition to the exemptions in paragraph (a) of this section, cargo vessels are exempt from requirements in subparts A through E of this part as specified in table 199.610(c) of this section.

TABLE 199.610(c)—EXEMPTIONS FOR CARGO VESSELS IN SPECIFIED SERVICES

Section or paragraph in this part	Service				
	Oceans	Coastwise	Great Lakes	Lakes, Bays, and Sounds	Rivers
199.70(a)(3)(ii): Lights on lifebuoys .....	Not exempt	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
199.80(b): Muster list .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
199.262(a): Rescue boats .....	( <sup>2,3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )
199.273: Immersion suits .....	Not exempt	Not exempt	Not exempt	Exempt	Exempt

NOTES:  
<sup>1</sup> Exempt if the length of vessel is under 30 meters (99 feet).  
<sup>2</sup> Exempt if the vessel is under 500 tons gross tonnage.  
<sup>3</sup> Exempt if—(i) the OCMI determines the vessel is arranged to allow a helpless person to be recovered from the water. A(ii) recovery of the helpless person can be observed from the navigating bridge; and A(iii) the vessel does not regularly engage in operations that restrict its maneuverability.

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**§ 199.620 Alternatives for all vessels in a specified service.**

(a) *General.* Vessels operating in oceans; coastwise; Great Lakes; lakes, bays, and sounds; and rivers service

may comply with alternative requirements to subparts A through E of this part as described in this section for the services specified in table 199.620(a) of this section.