

National Maritime Regulations

Guide Only.

The Marine Safety NSW

(General) Regulation 2009 states that:

"The owner and the operator of a vessel must ensure that every inflatable lifejacket required by this Regulation to be carried or worn on the vessel is:

- (a) less than 12 months old, or
- (b) has been serviced at intervals of 12 months or less, or at least at such longer intervals as are indicated by the manufacturer's instructions (if any) provided for the lifejacket."

In summary, an inflatable lifejacket is required to be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or at least every 12 months. Inflatable lifejackets are to be serviced by the manufacturer or the manufacturer's authorized service agent.

Marine Safety Victoria

National Standard for Recreational Boat Safety Equipment (endorsed by the Australian Transport Council in May 2004) provides that:

- Every inflatable PFD shall be serviced—
- i) at intervals of 12 months or such longer intervals as determined by the manufacturer and approved as part of the equipment approval; and
 - ii) At a servicing station approved and accredited to do so by the manufacturer of the inflatable PFD.
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[New Lifejacket Laws](#)

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Link to our Regulations - <http://dpti.sa.gov.au/ondeck/news?a=389632>

NEW LAWS ABOUT LIFEJACKET WEARING IN SA

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New regulations will come into effect from the 1st December 2017 and all boaters need to know what to do to make sure that they, and their crew comply.

An awareness and education phase will be undertaken by DPTI Marine Safety Officers for 12 months, after which all boaters will need to comply.

Motor boats less than 4.8 metres in length

All persons on aboard must wear a lifejacket suitable for their area of operation, at all times when underway or at anchor.

Motor boats 4.8 m to 12 m in length

Children less than 12 years of age must wear a lifejacket at all times when on the open deck, at all times when underway or at anchor.

Persons of 12 years or more must wear a lifejacket when on the open deck during times of heightened risk. This includes the following:

When operating alone.

When operating after sunset or before sunrise.

When the boat is disabled.

When crossing an ocean bar.

At times of restricted visibility.

When in an area subject to a Gale, Storm force, Hurricane force, Severe thunderstorm or severe weather warning from the Bureau of meteorology.

When reasonably directed to do so by the master of the vessel.

Tender vessels

If a motor vessel is a tender to another vessel the occupants must wear a lifejacket in accordance with the requirements set out above, in accordance with the boat length.

Other craft

Surf ski's, Paddleboards, including Stand-up paddleboards when operating on Protected waters all persons aboard must wear a lifejacket of level 100, 50 or 50S.

When operating in semi protected waters more than 400 metres from shore, a level 100 or level 50.

Dragon boats when operating in unprotected waters all person aboard must wear a lifejacket level 100, or level 50.

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