

SOLAS

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You have probably heard about **SOLAS** flares and life jackets. These have a higher performance level than the more common versions.

SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) is an international treaty that was created in response to the Titanic disaster. Today, over 160 countries adhere to the current version, **SOLAS** 1974. It covers nearly all aspects of maritime safety, including:

- the construction of ships (i.e., subdivision, stability, fire protection, etc.);
- the provision of life-saving appliances such as lifeboats and life-jackets;
- the use of radiotelegraphy and radiotelephony (radio communication); and
- the implementation of safety in navigation (e.g., in manning, routing, signaling).

The Articles of the Protocol of 1988 related to the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, are here: <https://imorules.com/SOLAS.html> and the main **SOLAS** site is here: [https://www.imo.org/en/about/conventions/pages/international-convention-for-the-safety-of-life-at-sea-\(solas\),-1974.aspx](https://www.imo.org/en/about/conventions/pages/international-convention-for-the-safety-of-life-at-sea-(solas),-1974.aspx)

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