

# FLOTILLA 070-11-01

## AUXILIARY PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) MANAGEMENT

### PURPOSE:

This document summarizes the requirements of the Coast Guard Rescue and Survival Systems Manual COMDTINST M16798.3E personal protective equipment requirements. This document is updated by ALCOAST 231/15.

The full implementation has been delayed until June 1, 2017. However, for Auxiliary personnel training purposes, Division 070-11 is putting the requirements into effect at this time.

### EQUIPMENT:

All Auxiliary coxswains, boatcrew, and crew trainees are to have all the required gear prior to being approved for patrol orders.

**Personal Flotation Devices:** Coast Guard approved Type III PFD all rated for greater than 50 MPH applications:

### PFD

MV3128-34 Flotation Vest



Mustang Survival Systems  
Mesh TYPE III Vest MV1254 34



### SAR VEST

Stearns SAR Flotation Vest  
SKU# COLE1426



**STROBE LIGHTS** with “hooks” type Velcro adhered around or on back side. Use only lithium cells (batteries) for USCG approval.

CR-C Strobe



Firefly 2



**SIGNAL WHISTLE: (no internal pea)**

Waterproof SOLAS Compliant  
(116 db)



Storm Whistle

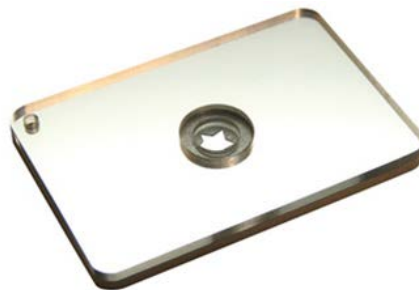


3 Chamber Whistle  
(115 db)



**SIGNAL MIRROR**

SignalFlash Mirror



## PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACON

There are two types that have been issued by, either the Auxiliary or the Coast Guard. The ACR ResQLink and the Mcmurdo FastFind/PLUS/MAX-G. Both are required to have a “Velcro-hooks” patch attached to the back of the unit. See KB0040.0 406 PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS.pdf for instructions on attaching the Velcro.

Mcmurdo FastFind / PLUS / MAX-G



ACR ResQLink



**KNIFE (OPTIONAL)** with cutting edge of knife to be 3” or less, with blunt tip. Switch-blade type knives are not allowed.

Survival Knife



Sheath for Survival Knife



## PPE WORN ON SAR VEST OR THREE-POCKET PFD

When a SAR VEST is worn over a PFD, or if a 3-pocket PFD is worn as the outer garment with no vest, the PPE shall be attached as shown in the following diagram. No pyrotechnics.

Strobe Light & Signal Mirror –  
upper front right pocket

Optional Knife –  
knife pocket



Signal Whistle –  
lower front right pocket

Personal Locator Beacon –  
front left pocket

## PPE WORN ON A TWO-POCKET PFD

If a 2-pocket PFD is worn as the outer garment with no vest, the PPE shall be attached as shown in the following diagram. No pyrotechnics.

Optional Knife –  
worn on PFD belt



Strobe Light, Signal Mirror and  
Whistle – front right pocket

Personal Locator Beacon –  
front left pocket



You are only required to test the PLB once per month. Try to do this on the same date each month. More frequent testing will adversely affect battery life.

A reminder will be sent out each month. Please test your unit and send an email, reporting your results, to your RS&S officer.

The C.G. requires hand written records of PLB testing results. Use the CIM\_10470\_10G 189.pdf to record your monthly test results. Keep this updated manually and sign it in the allocated box at every inspection. It should be good for 12 months. You may be requested to produce this record at any time.

**PLB SERIAL NUMBER:** The unit serial number is accessible in the McMurdo by removing the battery. The number on the battery is the battery serial number. The ACR unit does not have a visible serial number. It would have to be obtained from the original purchase documents.

**NOAA REGISTRATION NUMBER:** This is located on your registration document or label from NOAA. NOAA has updated their on-line system a few years ago and you may have to log in as a new registration using the ID number. If your PLB was issued by the Coast Guard, it was registered by them and you need not take any further action.