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## RECREATIONAL INFLATABLE PFD SELF CHECK PROCEDURE

*TO BE COMPLETED EVERY ALTERNATE YEAR TO THE BI-ANNUAL SERVICE*

- Visual Check for wear and cuts on PFD Cover, Straps, Zips, Buckles, Studs, Belts and Velcro Fastenings
- Remove the CO<sub>2</sub> Cylinder, check the cylinder is not corroded and the top is intact. If corroded or the top is pierced replace the cylinder. Set aside.
- Inflate Bladder using a pump via Oral Tube (do not use your mouth). The bladder should feel firm. Test the pressure by pressing your finger into the inflated bladder. Leave overnight in constant temp. If pressure drops send to Life Jacket Servicing for professional attention. Do not attempt to repair the Bladder.
- Fully deflate the PFD Bladder by inverting the black cap from the oral tube and pressing down on the valve at the top of the tube while pressing down on the Bladder.
- If the PFD has an Auto Firing Mechanism, check that the tab on the Mechanism is still green. If the bottom tab is red replace the Auto Activator cartridge.
- Replace the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder and screw in firmly.
- Now check the following: Whistle, Green Clip or tab on the Firing Mechanism, Auto Activator expiry date, Reflective Tape is intact, Light expiry date.
- Record the Self Check date on the Service Grid inside the PFD with indelible ink as SC-MMY.
- Repack the Jacket using the instructions on the PFD Cover or other suitable instructions from relevant website or YouTube.
- Ensure that the Inflation Toggle is accessible and unlikely to be caught when being worn.
- Remember to rinse or wash your jacket in warm soapy water after exposure to sea water. If the jacket is an Auto Activation PFD remove the Auto Activation cartridge first.
- Do not store the jacket wet.
- If you need any of the parts identified above, check with your local marine retailer or chandler.

**If you require any further assistance with the maintenance of your inflatable lifejackets or want to arrange a professional service, please contact us by:**

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