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Lifesaving Equipment Proposed Rule Published

The U.S. Coast Guard announced today Federal Register publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) amending regulations for lifesaving equipment.

The NPRM proposes to amend regulations for lifesaving equipment, including launching appliances (winches and davits), release mechanisms, survival craft (lifeboats, life rafts, and buoyant apparatuses), rescue boats, and automatic disengaging devices. The proposed rules would harmonize the Coast Guard's design, construction, and performance standards for lifesaving equipment with international standards. The NPRM would also provide for the use of qualified independent laboratories during the approval process for lifesaving equipment manufacturing.

The NPRM and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2010-0048.

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