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Now that I have your attention, the USCG has released a New Directive June 24, 2002 toward children under 13 wearing (PFDs) Personal Flotation Devices, life jackets while on board boats.

The way I interpret the latest interim rule from the desk of C.S. Perry, OFFICE OF BOATING SAFETY (USCG).

Any state, territory or district that does not have a law on the books, the USCG will after comment period require most children in those states to wear a Flotation Device while on board most boats and be enforced as they see the need. (Some boats have below deck or enclosed areas where PFDs would not be required).

The comment Period, comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before August 23, 2002.

Address: Docket Management Facility
U.S. Department of Transportation
Room PL - 401
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, DC 20590-0001

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The Interim Rule is effective December 23, 2002.

The Coast Guard, USPS and NSBC reminds boaters of all ages to wear PFDs.

Any Member wishing more information, may go on USPS Website link to National Safety Site where you can link with National Safe Boating Council which links to USCG. From there under Bulletin Board you will find the Federal Register Site. Find Wearing of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) by certain children, June 24, 2002 will be the information and history on this rule and all on going benefits of this rule, for reducing the number of our children and grandchildren drowning year after year.

Chairman USPS Boating Activities & Safety Committee
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