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SOLAS Ch.3 Reg.21.1 Survival Craft

1. 1 Passenger ships engaged on international voyages which are not short international voyage shall carry:
- . 1 partially or totally enclosed lifeboats complying with the requirements of section 4. 5 or 4. 6 of the Code on each side of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate not less than 50% of the total number of persons on board.

The Administration may permit the substitution of lifeboats by liferafts of equivalent total capacity provided that there shall never be less than sufficient lifeboats on each side of the ship to accommodate 37. 5% of the total number of persons on board. The inflatable or rigid liferafts shall comply with the requirements of section 4. 2 or 4. 3 of the Code and shall be served by launching appliances equally distributed on each side of the ship; and

- . 2 in addition, inflatable or rigid liferafts complying with the requirements of section 4. 2 or 4. 3 of the Code of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate at least 25% of the total number of persons on board. These liferafts shall be served by at least one launching appliance on each side which may be those provided in compliance with the requirements of paragraph 1. 1. 1 or equivalent approved appliances capable of being used on both sides. However, stowage of these liferafts need not comply with the requirements of regulation 13. 5.

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SOLAS Ch.3 Reg.9 Operating instructions

3 Marshalling of liferafts

3. 1 The number of lifeboats and rescue boats that are carried on passenger ships shall be sufficient to ensure that in providing for abandonment by the total number of persons on board not more than six liferafts need be marshalled by each lifeboat or rescue boat.
3. 2 The number of lifeboats and rescue boats that are carried on passenger ships engaged on short international voyages shall be sufficient to ensure that in providing for abandonment by the total number of persons on board not more than nine liferafts need be marshalled by each lifeboat or rescue boat.