





| | Buoyancy aid 50 Newton  | Lifejacket 100 Newton  | Lifejacket 150 Newton  | Lifejacket 275 Newton  |
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| Use | Coastal sailing, beach/shore activities. Suitable for good swimmers. | Sheltered waters, inshore and coastal sailing. | Open sea/blue water sailing. | Open sea/blue water sailing. Extreme conditions and professional use. |
| Type of vessel | Canoe-kayak, windsurf, dinghy, water ski, jet ski, kitesurf, stand up paddle. | Sail and power crafts. | Sail and power crafts. | Sail and power crafts Professional vessels*. |
| Performance | Not self-righting. Keeps the airway out of the water, wearer being conscious. | Self-righting : turns wearer** safely on his back within 10 seconds. | Self-righting : turns wearer** safely on his back within 5 seconds. | Self-righting : turns wearer** safely on his back within 5 seconds, user wearing heavy protective clothing. Recommended for use with clothing that may trap air. **most wearers |
| | | Supports the head all around : on both sides of the head and at the back. | | |
| Colour | One or several. | Bright colour imposed. | Bright colour imposed. | Bright colour imposed. |
| Reflecting material | Not required | 100 cm ² | 300 cm ² | 300 cm ² |
| Whistle | Not required | Required | Required | Required |
| Grab handle | Not required | Not required | Required | Required |
| Crutch strap | Not required | Recommended | Recommended | Recommended |

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* Lifejackets used on board commercial or passenger vessels must meet the requirements of Marine Equipment Directive 96/98 and SOLAS specifications.