

The company now known as Kokatat was started in 1971 by a college student named Steve O'Meara with an eye towards making innovative outdoor gear. With Steve still at the helm, our company continues to

dedicate itself to his original intent, offering the industry's most extensive line of watersports wear.



We're located in the small northern California coastal town of Arcata, about 300 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Blessed with awesome whitewater, miles of rugged coastline, pristine bays, lagoons and lakes, all nestled amongst giant redwoods, our surroundings play an important role in our product development.

We test what we sell, we take care of our customers and we speak from experience.

Most of the world is water – what are you waiting for?

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INFORMATION PAMPHLET SeaO₂ HYBRID INFLATABLE LIFE VEST



DO NOT REMOVE PRIOR TO SALE

FEDERAL REGULATIONS REQUIRE PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Coast Guard regulations in Part 175 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations require personal flotation devices in the following situations:

No person may use a canoe or kayak of any length or any other recreational boat less than 16 feet in length unless at least one PFD of one of the following types is on board for each person:

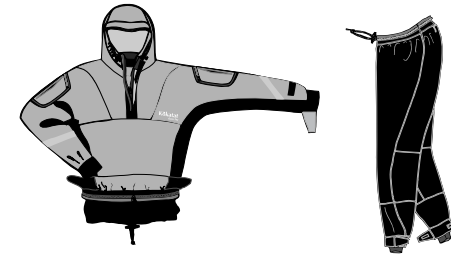
- (1) Type I
- (2) Type II
- (3) Type III
- (4) Type IV
- (5) Type V (Approved for the activity in which the boat is being used.)

No person may use a recreational boat 16 feet or more in length, except a canoe or kayak, unless:

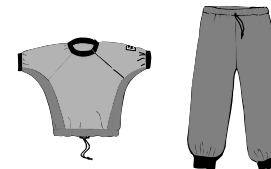
- (1) One Type IV PFD is on board, and
- (2) At least one PFD of one of the following types is on board for each person.
 - (A) Type I PFD
 - (B) Type II PFD
 - (C) Type III PFD
 - (D) Type V PFD (Approved for the activity in which the boat is being used).



Dry Suits



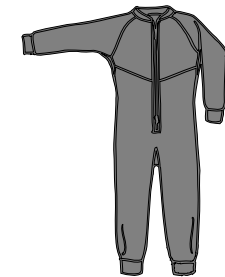
Paddle Jackets and Pants



Kokatat Kids



Neoprene



Insulation

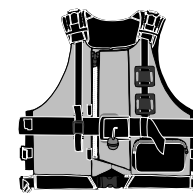
THERE ARE FIVE TYPES OF PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

This is a Type V Hybrid Inflatable PFD

NOTE: The following types of PFDs are designed to perform as described in calm water and when the wearer is not wearing any other flotation material (such as a wetsuit).



*Type V
Orbit*



*Type V Rescue
ProFIT*



*Type V Rescue
GUIDE*



*Type V Hybrid
SeaO₂*

REASONS FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

The reason for the conditional approval on hybrid devices is three-fold.

1. In the event of an accident or fall overboard, the chances of the PFD aiding in your survival are greatly diminished if it is not worn.
2. Each user of this device needs to know that it has a limited amount of buoyancy.
3. The PFDs which bear this restricted approval require the care and attention afforded something which is worn.

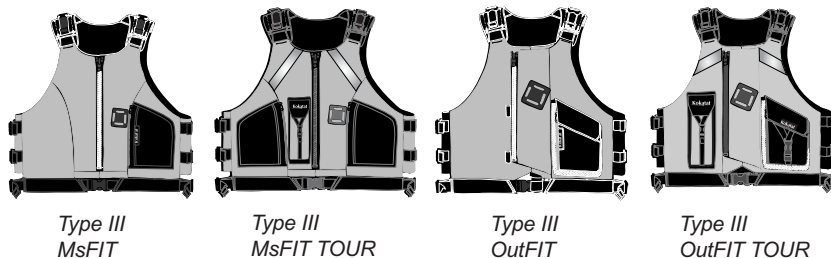
TRY YOUR HYBRID PFD IN THE WATER

Try your hybrid PFD in the water to see IF YOU WILL FLOAT without inflation. The fact that the hybrid's buoyancy is less than that of a regular PFD requires that the user be more familiar with the performance of the device. Should an unknowing user don the device, enter the water, and find the mouth is below the surface, panic may set in and the device's full buoyancy may never be achieved because the person is overcome with fear. Therefore, the device must be tried out in the water by its owner or user so as to know what to expect. The suggested method for trying a PFD in the water is explained in the owner's manual.

A PFD is designed not to ride-up on the body when in the water. But, when a wearer's stomach is larger than the chest, ride-up may occur. Before use, test this PFD in the water to establish that excessive ride-up does not impair PFD performance.

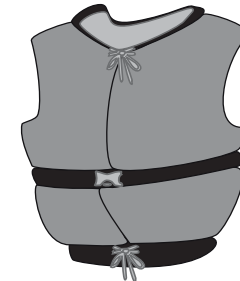
KOKATAT WATER SPORTSWEAR GETS YOU INTO THE WATER!

Kokatat is the leading manufacturer of a comprehensive line of technical paddling apparel, from GORE-TEX® dry suits to life vests. Designed by paddlers for paddlers to meet the most challenging weather and water conditions, you'll find a rich history of innovation, expedition field-testing, outstanding customer service and quality control behind every Kokatat product. We offer the most extensive line of water sportswear for men, women, and children.



TYPE I

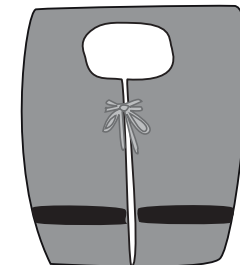
A Type I PFD has the greatest required inherent buoyancy and turns most unconscious persons in the water from a face down position to a vertical and slightly backward position, therefore, greatly increasing one's chances of survival. The Type I PFD is suitable for all waters, especially for cruising on waters where there is a probability of delayed rescue, such as large bodies of water where it is not likely that a significant number of boats will be in close proximity. This type PFD is the most effective of all the types in rough water. It is reversible and available in only two sizes – Adult (90 lb. or more) and child (less than 90 lb.) which are universal sizes (designed to fit all persons in the appropriate category).



Type I Life Vest

TYPE II

A Type II PFD turns most wearers to a vertical and slightly backward position in the water. The turning action is not as pronounced as with a Type I and the device will not turn as many persons under the same conditions as the Type I. The Type II PFD is usually more comfortable to wear than the Type I. This type PFD is normally sized for ease of emergency donning and is available in the following sizes: Adult (more than 90 lb.), Medium Child (50 lb. to 90 lb.), and two categories of Small Child (less than 50 lb. or less than 30 lb.). Additionally, some models are sized by chest sizes. You may prefer to use the Type II where there is a probability of quick rescue such as areas where it is common for other persons to be engaged in boating, fishing, and other water activities.



TYPE III

The Type III PFD allows the wearer to assume a back of vertical position, and the device will maintain the wearer in that position and have no tendency to turn the wearer face down. It is not designed to turn the wearer face up. A Type III is generally more comfortable than a Type II, comes in a variety of styles which should be matched to the individual use, and is often the best choice for water sports, such as skiing, hunting, fishing, canoeing, and kayaking. This type PFD normally comes in many chest sizes and weight ranges; however, some universal sizes are available. You may also prefer to use the Type III where there is a probability of quick rescue such as areas where it is common for other persons to be engaged in boating, fishing, and other water activities.



Type III Life Vest

TYPE IV

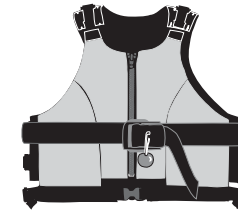
A Type IV PFD is normally thrown or tossed to a person who has fallen overboard and is intended to be grasped and held by the person until rescued. While the Type IV is acceptable in place of a wearable device in certain instances, this type is suitable only where there is a probability of quick rescue such as areas where it is common for other persons to be engaged in boating, fishing, and other water activities. It is not recommended for use by nonswimmers and children.



Type IV Throwable Device

TYPE V (GENERAL)

A Type V PFD is a PFD approved for restricted uses or activities such as boardsailing, or commercial white water rafting. These PFDs are not usually suitable for other boating activities. The label on the PFD indicates whether a particular design of Type V PFD can be used in a specific application, what restrictions or limitations apply, and its performance type.



Type V Rescue Life Vest

TYPE V HYBRID

A Type V Hybrid PFD is an inflatable device which can be the most comfortable and has a minimum of 7 1/2 pounds of buoyancy deflated and 22 pounds of buoyancy when inflated. In order for the device to be acceptable for use on recreational boats, it must be worn except when the boat is not underway or when the user is below deck. When inflated it turns the wearer similar to the action provided by a Type I, II, or III PFD (the type of performance is indicated on the label). This type of PFD provides an extra degree of comfort to the boater who will wear a PFD by having a reduced amount of inherent buoyancy. However, the user must accept the responsibility for care of the device and in-water trials to check its performance. The buoyancy provided by this PFD when it is not inflated will float approximately 70 percent of the boating public. Therefore, it is not recommended for non-swimmers unless worn with enough inflation to float the wearer. It is suitable for use where there is or is not a probability of quick rescue depending on the performance type marked on it. This type of PFD is only approved for persons weighing more than 90 pounds, but it is available in a number of chest sizes and in universal adult sizes.



Type V Hybrid Inflatable Life Vest