

Project Background

Since 2016, the Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (NEC) has worked with lobstermen in Maine and Massachusetts to find personal flotation devices they can wear while working.

In 2017, 181 lobstermen trialed personal flotation devices in a wide range of types and styles from buoyancy aids to offshore lifejackets. Based on feedback from the lobstermen, 11 devices have been chosen to be included in the lifejacket project vans and will be brought to harbors along the coast of Maine and Massachusetts from April—November 2019.

This pamphlet provides information about each of the 11 devices, including their buoyancy, flotation, and approval.

These devices do not necessarily replace the USCG approved lifejackets required to be on your boat.

The best device is the one that you wear consistently.

For more information about how to choose a lifejacket, visit the websites below:

- <http://www.uscgboating.org/>
- https://www.uscgboating.org/images/howtochoosetherightlifejacket_brochure.pdf
- <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>

Learn More About NEC's Lifejackets for Lobstermen Project

Website:

<http://www.necenter.org/fishing/research/?id=28>

Facebook:

@Lifejacketsforlobstermen

Email:

LifejacketProject@bassett.org

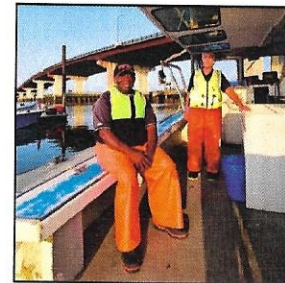
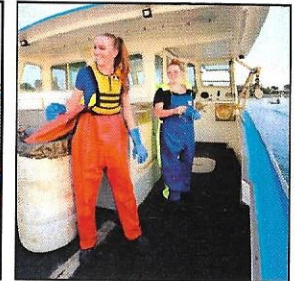
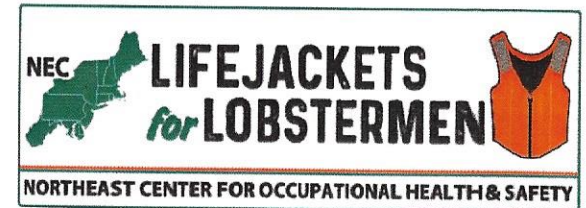
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607-221-4448



Lifejacket Manufacturers Websites

- **Coleman/Stearns:**
www.coleman.com/stearns
- **Hero Water Wear:**
www.herowaterwear.com
- **Hyde Sportswear:**
www.wingmanlifejacket.com
- **Kent Safety Products:**
www.kentsafetyproducts.com
- **Mustang Survival:**
www.mustangsurvival.com
- **Spinlock:**
www.spinlock.co.uk
- **Stormline Gear:**
www.stormlinegear.com
- **West Marine:**
www.westmarine.com



**Learn More About
Your Lifejacket**

Inherently Buoyant

Higher Buoyancy (15.5lbs)

Coleman Shipmate Industrial Vest



15.5 lbs
USCG Type III Approval

Kent Rogue II Fishing Vest



12 lbs
Buoyancy Aid
Not USCG Approved

Stormline 662 Flotation Bib



50 N
Buoyancy Aid
Not USCG Approved



50 N
Buoyancy Aid
ISO Approved
12402-5

Lower Buoyancy (11lbs)

Manual Inflation

Higher Buoyancy (38lbs)

Mustang Survival MD3075
Inflatable Belt Pack



38 lbs
USCG Type III Approval

Hyde Sportswear Wingman



22.5 lbs
USCG Type V Approval
with Type III performance

West Marine Ultra-Slim
Manual Inflatable Belt Pack



19 lbs
USCG Type V Approval
with Type III performance

Lower Buoyancy (19lbs)

Automatic Inflation

Higher Buoyancy (38lbs)

Spinlock Deckvest DURO



170 N
ISO 12402-3 Approved
Not USCG Approved

Mustang MD 3188 Work Vest



35 lbs
USCG Type V Approval

Mustang Elite 28



26 lbs
USCG Type V Approval
with Type III performance

Lower Buoyancy (28lbs)

Hybrid

(Inherently Buoyant and Manual Inflation)



Mustang Khimera 22 Hybrid

20 lbs (7.5 foam, 12.5 inflation)
USCG Type III Approval
Level 70 Buoyancy Aid

Choose Manual or Auto Inflation



HERO Inflatable Rash Guard

80-120 N
ISO Level 50 Buoyancy Aid Approval
Not USCG Approved



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Increasing PFD Use Among Lobster Fishermen

PFD Distributor Information: MASSACHUSETTS

COLEMAN/STEARNS (www.coleman.com/stearns)

- **Sandwich Ship Supply** (www.sandwichshipsupply.com)
 - Sandwich, MA
68 Tupper Road
Sandwich, MA 02563
Phone: 508-888-0200



HERO WATER WEAR (www.herowaterwear.com)

- **Contact manufacturer directly via website**
 - media@herowaterwear.com



HYDE SPORTSWEAR (www.wingmanlifejacket.com)

- **Contact manufacturer directly via website**
 - support@hydesportswear.com



KENT SAFETY PRODUCTS (www.kentsafetyproducts.com)

- **West Marine** (www.westmarine.com | wmcustomerservice@westmarine.com)
 - **Braintree, MA**
140 Ivory Street
Braintree, MA 02184
Phone: 781-849-3425
 - **Danvers, MA**
139 Endicott St
Danvers, MA 01923
Phone: 978-777-5940
 - **Fairhaven, MA**
114 Huttleston Ave
Fairhaven, MA 02719
Phone: 508-742-0490
 - **Falmouth, MA**
77 Scranton Ave
Falmouth, MA 02540
Phone: 508-457-6500
 - **Plymouth, MA**
43 Home Depot Dr
Plymouth, MA 02360
Phone: 508-830-3150
 - **Seekonk, MA**
1060 Fall River Ave
Seekonk, MA 02771
Phone: 508-336-5004
 - **Woburn, MA**
299 Mishawum Rd
Woburn, MA 01801
Phone: 781-939-0000



MUSTANG SURVIVAL (www.mustangsurvival.com)

- **West Marine** (www.westmarine.com | wmcustomerservice@westmarine.com)
 - Same locations as listed above
- **Hercules, Inc.** (<http://hercules-slr-us.com/>)
 - **New Bedford, MA**
44 South Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-993-0010
- **Sandwich Ship Supply** (<https://sandwichshipsupply.com/>)
 - Sandwich, MA
68 Tupper Road
Sandwich, MA 02563
Phone: 508-888-0200
- **Three lantern Marine and Fishing**
(<http://www.threelanternmarine.com/>)
 - **Gloucester, MA**
7 Parker Street.
Gloucester, MA 01930
978-281-2080



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New Bedford, MA 02740
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