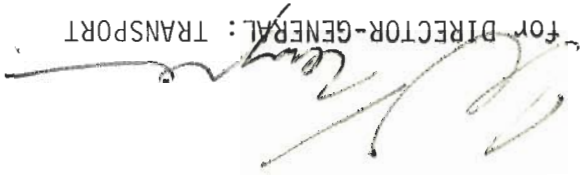


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It is incumbent upon the skipper of the craft to ensure that ALL lifejackets and buoyancy aids, when not being worn, are stowed in cool, relatively dry, conditions without compression such as may be caused by external forces like other items of equipment or stores being stowed on top of the aids. The lifejackets and buoyancy aids should furthermore be easily accessible.

Recent tests carried out by the SABS on lifejackets which rely on PVC foam for internal buoyancy have revealed that the foam, after having been compressed by an external force for a length of time, does not revert to its original shape, with the result that it loses its inherent buoyancy. It is then unable to support the required minimum weight in water.

STORAGE AND CARE OF PVC FOAM LIFEJACKETS AND BUOYANCY AIDS

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