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Mr. Wagner:

Current Transport Canada Regulations require all persons onboard a vessel to have a Canadian Approved PFD or Life Jacket, appropriate to their size and in good working order. "Canadian Approved" means that the PFD or Life Jacket meets standards set by Transport Canada and evaluated by Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC). Although devices exist that are approved for persons 0-40lbs, the regulations also state that due to the variable sizes and weight distribution of an infant's body and the difficulty of having the 0-40lbs / 18 Kg product fit an infant and to work effectively, there is no requirement to have PFD's or Life Jackets on board for persons less than 20 lbs / 9 Kg.

Salus Marine Wear has designed and now produces a personal floatation device (PFD) for infants from 9 lbs / 4 Kg to 25 lbs / 11Kg - product name, Bijoux. Through their testing, Salus Marine Wear has proven this to be an effective PFD for infants from 9 lbs / 4 Kg to 25 lbs / 11 Kg. The Salus-Bijoux PFD now provides an option for infants to wear a device that is designed for their body shape and size and in the event that the infant ends up in the water, s/he will remain face up, floating on the surface.

This product however is not approved by Transport Canada, as there is no current standard against which to evaluate it - Salus Marine Wear attests to its effectiveness. Having an infant onboard a vessel wearing a Bijoux PFD and not having another flotation device aboard is not illegal. If an infant must go onboard a small vessel, having the infant wearing a comfortable and effective PFD is the logical and appropriate decision.

Yours truly,

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