

2016 Coxswains

Workshop

PPE

Proper build up of Type III PFD and attachment of issued survival gear.

Each individual Crew member is responsible for their own gear. However, a good Coxswain will make sure his/her crew is ready for operations and kindly help them get squared away if they notice a discrepancy. The following slides demonstrate the correct way to prepare your survival gear and then attach them to your Type III PFD.



Cut 4 42" lengths of Type I Nylon Cord (supplied by DIRAUX) and attach to each piece of survival gear. Also attach 2"x 1.5" piece of Velcro "hook" tape (supplied by DIRAUX) to the back of the Strobe light. Each piece of gear is tied off using a bowline knot with an overhand knot at the bitter end of the nylon line. See photo.

Preparation of survival gear:

Tie off knife to nylon holster if equipped. If not, then tie off knife to PFD.



Nylon holster (if equipped) must be properly attached to PFD straps. Right or left side. (Note: right side is much easier to access) Members discretion/choice.

After knife is tied to holster and holster is attached to PFD, wrap line around top of knife and tuck into rubber cap to prevent potential snagging hazard.



Survival Knife



When not using a Survival Vest; tie off each piece of survival gear to the inside of the PFD pocket. Often times there is a small eyelet or loop inside the pocket to attach the line to. If there is none, tie off the end of the nylon line to the pocket web mesh with a bowline knot. Remember to melt the ends of the nylon line to prevent fraying.

Survival Gear attachment points:

Wrap the extra nylon cord around each piece of gear to avoid snag hazard.

Stow each piece of survival gear in the PFD pocket.



Stow Survival Gear in PFD Pockets



Survival Whistle

The pocket that contains the whistle can also be used to store the PLB if needed. If your PFD has any extra pockets, keep the pocket for your PEPIRB empty except for your beacon.

Personal Locator Beacon(PLB)



42" Lanyard attachment. Note the melted nylon line end, the use of the overhand knot, and the bowline used to attach the line to the nylon ring on the PEPIRB.

2"x2" Velcro Hook adhesive tape attachment location above Battery Expiration Date.



The PLB is also attached to the PFD's pocket and is stored inside until needed. Maintain /test your PLB according to the PLB Maintenance Procedure Card #RSS583042.0



Strobe Light (or PLB) deployed for use.



Gear stowed properly and ready for CG Auxiliary Patrol Operations



Wear your CG Auxiliary PFD and Survival Gear with confidence knowing that you inspect, maintain, know how to use, and will wear properly according to Coast Guard Policies.