



OPERATIONS MEMO O-17-03

To: All Pilots/Mechanics

From: Dave Jones
Chief Pilot

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Subject: § 135.168 Emergency equipment: Overwater Rotorcraft Operations

IAW § 135.168 Emergency equipment: Overwater Rotorcraft Operations, effective April 24, 2017. All Maritime Helicopters, Inc. Pilots will ensure compliance with the following.

1. Anytime Maritime Helicopters, Inc. aircraft **are** operated beyond autorotational distance from the shore line (excluding Takeoff and Landing) **all** occupants will wear an approved life preserver equipped with an approved survivor locator light.

(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply -

Autorotational distance refers to the distance a rotorcraft travel in autorotation as described by the manufacturer in the approved Rotorcraft Flight Manual.

Shoreline means that area of the land adjacent to the water of an ocean, sea, lake, pond, river, or tidal basin that is above the high-water mark at which a rotorcraft could be landed safely. This does not include land areas which are unsuitable for landing such as vertical cliffs or land intermittently under water.

2. IAW § 135.117 passengers will be briefed on the use of life preservers, ditching procedures and emergency exit from the rotorcraft in the event of a ditching, and the location and use of life rafts and other life preserver devices if applicable.

If you have any questions contact Dave Jones in Fairbanks at 907-452-1197 or Dave Buzga in Homer at 907-235-7771.