



OPERATIONS MEMO O-17-04

To: All Pilots/Mechanics

From: Dave Jones
Chief Pilot

Date: April 29, 2017

Subject: Control of Life Preservers

In order to maintain accountability of Life Preservers within Maritime Helicopters, Inc. the following controls will be implemented immediately:

1. Pilot-in-Commands (PICs) will verify the number of Life Preservers that are located in the aircraft during the initial preflight and again at the end of the duty day. In the event a life preserver is missing, the PIC will contact the applicable expeditor and have it returned to the helicopter upon its return.
2. On crew change days the following procedure may apply- Maritime will supply life vests for the rig onboarding and the rig will supply for the off boarding. Note- this will continue through the crew change period however **the PIC is responsible to ensure the aircraft has adequate life vests on the final trip to shore.**
3. PICs will brief all passengers that they are required remove the life preservers prior to exiting the aircraft. Life preservers will be placed on the vacant seat.
4. PICs will brief **all** expeditors to verify that arriving passengers do not still have the life preserver on.
5. Life preservers will be distributed as follows:
 - a. Cook Inlet Platforms (Client owned)
 - i. Osprey – Ten (10) each maintained by the platform expeditor.
 - ii. Randolph Yost - Ten (10) each maintained by the platform expeditor.
 - b. Nikiski- Eight (8) each maintained in the hangar.
 - c. Kodiak- Five (5) each maintained in the hangar.
 - d. Homer- Fourteen (14) each maintained in the hangar.
 - e. Akutan- Eight (8) each maintained in the hangar.
 - f. Fairbanks – Thirteen (13) (Switlik) each maintained in the hangar.

Please insure that all life vests are labeled (Ie-Maritime Helicopters, Osprey, Yost with a sharpie).

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