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Life raft inspections and servicing

Skippers and owners of commercially coded craft are reminded to get life rafts serviced regularly by an approved service station.

If the vessel is fitted with SOLAS life rafts they must be serviced by a UK approved service station in accordance with the requirements of MGN 548 issued by the Maritime & Coastguard Agency. A list of MCA approved service centres is available on their website.

If the vessel is fitted with non-SOLAS approved rafts they must be serviced by manufacturer approved service stations. The frequency of servicing and other requirements is available in MGN 553 issued by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

Commercially coded vessel owners must also get their rafts serviced by an MCA approved service centre. Leisure vessel owners are strongly advised to get their rafts serviced by a manufacturer approved service centre.