



DBC Marine Safety Systems Ltd.

Zodiac Extended Service Liferrafts

Zodiac Liferrafts (DBC Marine Safety Systems) are excited to announce a revolutionary patented design feature that allows their Transport Canada and Solas approved liferafts to have a 30 month service interval. Historically, existing Transport Canada and Solas approved liferafts must be serviced annually, every 12 months, as per IMO Solas regulations which are adopted by Transport Canada. Zodiac is the first company in the world to have liferafts Solas approved with this 30 month service interval period.

Answering to customer's desire to extend the annual service interval period of their liferafts, Zodiac has developed a packing method that allows the liferaft to be serviced every 2.5 years. Some of the technology behind this service extension interval is a protective pouch that seals the liferaft from any moisture ingress that may enter into the container.

After years of extensive field testing, Zodiac was granted Transport Canada approvals in addition to the MCA (UK) and Bureau Veritas BV (France) EC approvals Zodiac have already received. Zodiac recently supplied extended service liferafts to Cunard Cruise Lines for use on their new flag ship the "Queen Mary II".

DBC/Zodiac's General Manager, Thierry Schwab, stated that this feature will offer considerable savings to customers who will benefit from eliminating the cost of having to remove and transport liferafts to service stations annually. This feature is especially relevant to vessel owners from commercial fisherman operating in isolated communities to operators whose vessels carry a large number of liferafts. The ability for operators to not have to remove their liferafts for 30 months vs. the current 12 month requirement is certain to change the liferaft industry.

Zodiac are introducing the Extended Service Transport Canada approved liferafts and IBA's in sizes from 4-150 persons.

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