



Exhibit "28" Part 2.  
Inquest touching the death of  
*Sydney - Hobart.*  
State Coroner's Court, 44-46  
Parramatta Road Glebe  
Date *13.3.00*  
Court Officer

*Yellow  
ISSUED WITH NEW LIFERAFTS*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### SECURING YOUR LIFERAFT TO THE DECK

**IMPORTANT:** If you use this kit or another system of your own design it is imperative that your liferaft be adequately secured. Continuous motion of your vessel at sea might gradually stretch and/or loosen the lashings. Check them periodically. Waves over the deck in adverse conditions can produce substantial forces. A knockdown or rollover could exert even more. Strong lashings can help prevent inadvertent loss of your liferaft.

- a) Ensure the stainless steel pad eyes supplied in this kit are strongly fastened to the deck and that the deck itself is up to the task. RFD recommends "through fastening" with backing plates or washers under the deck. Use stainless steel nuts and bolts in preference to self-tappers.
- b) This kit includes approximately 1 metre of 600 lb. breaking strain cord which can be used to attach pelican hook, snap shackle or other manual quick release device to the webbing lashings. RFD recommends multiple turns to join the release to the lashings for added strength. Shackles can facilitate.
- c) Our kit is optional and is supplied as an aid to satisfactory installation. It is suitable for most vessels but might not suit all, e.g., boats with pronounced deck cambers, sloping surfaces, canvas or vinyl areas, etc.
- d) RFD recommends that you regularly inspect your liferaft's lashings for tightness and for signs of UV degradation. Renew at first signs of wear, chaffing or other deterioration.
- e) Suitable securing of your liferaft is solely your responsibility. RFD does not accept responsibility for any failure to adequately install and maintain your liferaft-to-deck system.

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**NOW IS THE TIME TO CHECK THE CONDITION OF THE LASHINGS THAT SECURE YOUR LIFERAFT TO THE DECK.**

Continuous motion of your vessel at sea might gradually stretch and/or loosen the lashings. Waves over the deck in adverse conditions can produce substantial forces. A knockdown or rollover could exert even more. Strong, secure lashings can help prevent inadvertent loss of your liferaft.

- 1) RFD recommends regular checking of your liferaft's lashings for tightness and for signs of UV or other degradation. Renew them at first signs of wear, chaffing or other deterioration.
- 2) Ensure strong attachment of quick release mechanism (usually pelican hook or snap shackle) to the webbing lashings. Use multiple turns of cord to attach one to the other - or shackle them together.
- 3) RFD does not install liferafts nor does it accept responsibility for any failure to adequately install or maintain your liferaft-to-deck securing system. Securing your liferaft is solely the responsibility of the owner/skipper of the vessel.

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