



Safety at Sea Program

Equipment: Our vessels, *Matthew Turner* and *Seaward*, are inspected annually by the United States Coast Guard, which ensures that all safety gear is in good repair and up-to-date. We perform monthly inspections of safety gear and continual preventative maintenance. Rescue equipment includes: Type 1 PFDs, inflatable life raft (s) with hydrostatic release mechanism, EPIRB (Electronic Position Indicating Radio Beacon), VHF radios, cell phone, wireless internet device, single-side-band radio, flares, and flashlights, AIS (Automatic Identification System) Vessel Tracking System, 3-4 life rings, MOB (Man overboard) pole with attached strobe light, Lifesling Overboard Rescue Device, GPS with MOB position indicating button, boat hook. *Seaward* is equipped with 4 dry chemical ABC fire extinguishers and a fixed fire-fighting system in the engine room. *Matthew Turner* has 11 dry chemical or CO2 extinguishers, a fixed fire-fighting system in the engine room and a fixed fire-fighting system in each battery box.

Personal Floatation Devices: All of Call of the Sea's Type 1 PFDs are US Coast Guard approved. They are inspected regularly by crew and yearly by the Coast Guard. Directions for donning PFDs are posted down below on the vessel. Instructions for use and location of PFDs are discussed by the Captain prior to every voyage. We provide two PFD sizes. Adult PFDs are available for persons weighing over 90lbs. Child PFDs (35 onboard) are provided for persons weighing 90lbs or less. PFDs are required for all youth participants and donned by adults upon Captain's orders or passenger's request.

Program Safety Regulations: Prior to each sail or voyage, participants are notified of potential risks by reading and signing a "Release, Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk" form. Minors have this waiver signed by their parent or guardian. At the start of each voyage, the Captain and crew provide a safety orientation to the vessel. This includes pointing out the location and discussing operation of safety equipment, providing information about how to move around the vessel safely, and for voyages, reviewing the station bill (which lists duties and procedures for man overboard, fire, and abandon ship emergencies). In addition, voyage participants take part in safety drills to provide additional preparedness for man overboard, fire, and abandon ship emergencies. Furthermore, the first element of our sail training involves how to safely handle lines and sails. Boarding and disembarking is done with a sturdy gangway equipped with railings and anti-skid texturing.