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Custom designed Life Jacket Vest for Marine Pilots

Pilots identified that they work in extreme range of difficult working conditions, both in and out of the water carrying a lot of items that make their jacket heavy, requiring additional physical effort during the a ladder transfer at sea.

SOS Marine`s objective in the development and manufacture of this Vest was to create a new Life Jacket suitable for these situations.

This Vest was then trialled by the several Marine Pilots and was found to work well in terms of its configuration and comfort, ease of fitting and adjustments for various body shapes, compatibility with their working task, durability, maintenance and serviceability. This Life Jacket Vest is based on an already successful Boarding Party Jacket being used by the Australian Navy, Water Police and Customs.

This Pilot`s Vest meets and exceeds the requirements of the Australian Standards and has a water activated SOLAS light. The Life Jacket Vest has been designed to turn the body of an unconscious person chest up and to keep the mouth and nose out of water in the minimum of time.

The Pilot`s PFD 1 is designed to be housed in an around neck collar valise which is attached to mesh vest which has pockets to stow radio, personal EPIRB and personal items.

This Vest has a fully adjustable belt for correct fit and support that is not bulky, heavy or restrictive, fitting most sizes and a Hydrapac which is personal water drinking system of 3 litres, a must when on a foreign boat.

This new design does not restrict the Pilots` vision especially comfortable around their neck and shoulders allowing easy movement.

The Marine Pilots PFD Vest is manufactured by SOS Marine, an Australian company which recently has been awarded the 2008 International Achievement Award for Safety and Protective Equipment.

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