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Ride the Ducks International
Attn: Mr. Frank English
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Subj: INFANT PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE

Ref: (a) Your letter dated November 19, 2010
(b) Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 160.064
(c) Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 180.72 and Part 180.78

Dear Mr. English:

Your request contained in reference (a) for the stowage and use of Infant Type II life vests as additional equipment aboard Ride the Ducks International (RTDI) vessels as per references (b) and (c), is **approved** based on the following conditions:

1. Infant Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) shall be properly stowed in the approved stowage compartments provided on all RTDI vessels for child and adult PFDs in the manner proposed in reference (a);
2. Each infant PFD shall be permanently marked with the vessel name in which it is assigned;
3. Each infant PFD shall be properly maintained in the same manner as existing child and adult PFDs currently on board RTDI vessels; the quantity, condition, and security of each infant PFD will be assessed as per RTDI pre-trip inspection procedures; and
4. In addition to adult and child PFDs, the master shall ensure public announcements are made regarding the use of the infant PFDs.

A copy of this letter must be maintained on all RTDI vessels operating in the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River area of responsibility and shall be available for review by Coast Guard personnel upon request. If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact my Inspection Division Chief, Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED], at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

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S. L. HUDSON

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