



Crewsaver®



...as worn by Charles & Rory in Solomon Islands



CREWSAVER - "CREWFIT 180N PRO" (INFLATABLE) LIFE JACKETS AS WORN BY CHARLES WEBB DURING HIS OUTER EDGE SUP PADDLE AROUND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Whatever your circumstances, be sure to choose your lifejacket carefully. Whether you are selecting for yourself, your family, your crew or your work colleagues, you should consider worst-case scenarios and the type of lifejacket everyone should be wearing for their ultimate safety overboard in that environment.

A large percentage of the boating world still do not wear lifejackets. As a manufacturer of integral safety equipment the challenge for Crewsaver has been to reduce this number through the design of comfortable, stylish lifejackets for the everyday boater, whilst increasing the key safety features for vital in water performance.

"N" – Newton, of upwards force in buoyancy.



Level 275 - This level represents the highest level of in water performance in a lifejacket. Designed for use in extreme offshore conditions and for wearers with heavy clothing or equipment. Designed to turn the wearer from downwards facing on to their back within 2 seconds. In addition to providing 140mm of freeboard to support clear airways.



Level 150 - This level is the recommended standard for most wearers whether being used in offshore or coastal conditions. Designed to turn the wearer from a downwards facing position on to their back within 5 seconds. This level also provides 120mm of freeboard for the wearer.



Level 100 - This is the entry level to be classified as a lifejacket. This jacket is only designed for coastal use and is not appropriate for heavy to extreme conditions. Designed to turn the wearer on to their back within 10 seconds. This lifejacket will provide the wearer with 100mm of freeboard.

Inflation Options

Manual - manual lifejackets will only inflate when you pull the manual pull cord; this option allows the wearer to swim without the lifejacket being activated automatically. This can be useful if you expect to launch or tend a craft in calm waters.

Automatic - There are two types of Automatic Inflatable Life Jacket 1) those that offer greater protection from random activation caused by moisture, rain or wave splash. This is achieved by protecting the water sensitive element with a hydrostatic valve, which operates when submerged in over 20cm of water and, depending upon the lifejacket style, held there for between 2 to 3 seconds; & 2) inflation occurs automatically when the auto-capsule is immersed, typically within 5 seconds of entry into water.

With the latter automatic activation system type, the latest Pro-Sensor inflation system provides the user one point of status indication, to confirm if the unit has been automatically or manually activated. The unit also provides the added benefit of detecting if the CO2 cylinder has been pierced, eradicating the possibility of accidentally fitting an empty gas cylinder.

It pays to carry spare CO2 cylinders for the inflatable jackets you have onboard and these can vary in size, measured in "g" {grams} = so make sure you have the correct weight.



What else?

Consider fitting or choosing a lifejacket with additional features that complement the environment you'll enter or operate in. A light that activates an inflation and entry into the water, crutch straps, a spray hood for reducing the effects of dehydration from sea-water ingestion, harness attachment point and even perhaps, for within busy shipping lanes – an AIS (Automatic Identification System) beacon that identifies your position on the radar of passing vessels.

Proper fit and comfort are important for all wearers of lifejackets; no matter what age & size – so seek advice if you are unsure. And always comply with the regulations for the wearing of life jackets in the area you are operating your vessel in or if the master of the vessel instructs you to.

Service your lifejacket regularly - following any regulation and the manufacturer's advice. And ensure you record this on the jacket. Self-care and maintenance of your life jacket is an important intermediate routine.

About Crewsaver

With over 50 years of industry experience, Crewsaver is recognised as one of the foremost suppliers of lifejackets and dinghy sailing equipment in the world and is a market leader in the marine safety sector.

The Crewsaver brand was first incorporated under the name 'Crewsaver Marine Equipment Ltd' in Gosport on the South coast of England, developing a specialist knowledge in safety products and creating unique and innovative styles tailored to specific sectors of the sailing community. Due to the company's success and high profile within the marine industry, Crewsaver has expanded into general water sport sectors, extending the brand into the paddling & SUP markets with the YAK range.

Designed and developed with advanced testing procedures and in facilities by water sport enthusiasts - Crewsaver products are currently sold to over 40 countries worldwide, and can be relied upon by customers to consistently exceed the standards to which the business sets itself.

The company heritage is demonstrated by the design and manufacture of cutting edge technology, high-quality and innovative marine products which span commercial and leisure markets. Introducing new ground-breaking products to the market that demonstrate powerful high-end features and cutting-edge styles to those who demand the ultimate in performance without compromise.

Charles will be wearing the "Crewfit 180 Pro" Manual, Inflatable Life Jacket during on his days on his SUP. Wearable comfort is top of mind standing and paddling for hours/days on end in the weather – almost as important as knowing his life saving equipment, including Kannad SafeLink SOLO PLB (Personal Location Beacon) will do exactly that if the need arises.

