

Marine Notice No. 34 of 2017

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers, Seafarers and Training Providers

Correct Use of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to highlight a recent report published by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board on the empty vessel found off Tawin Island, Galway Bay on 7th September 2016. The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board at www.mcib.ie

In response to the Marine Casualty Investigation Board recommendation, the purpose of this Marine Notice is to remind fishers and training providers that:

- Inflatable personal flotation devices must be worn **over all clothing and not underneath**. This is to ensure that there is sufficient space for the device to inflate and that the wearer's breathing is not restricted and allows access to activate a manual Personal Locator Beacon (PLB).

For more detailed information on PFD requirements please consult [Marine Notice No. 27 of 2016](#), [Marine Notice No. 39 of 2013](#) and [Marine Notice No. 45 of 2012](#)

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