

## **Buoyancy Aid Testing – for Clubs and Centres**

Float testing of ALL buoyancy aid stock is no longer a requirement of Canoe England Centre Approval or a recommendation for Canoe England Affiliated Clubs.

It is a requirement of Canoe England Centre Approval/Club affiliation that all providers must ensure each buoyancy aid is inspected prior to every use by the Coach/instructor/staff member concerned and is “fit for purpose”. In addition to this, regular formal checks should be instigated by the provider and the outcomes recorded.

If a provider currently undertakes float testing but wishes to phase this procedure out, we would recommend “random sampling” of approximately 10% of the providers current stock. This process should be recorded for a period of two seasons, or until the items are replaced.