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Fishing Safety Success Story: My Life Vest Saved Me

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Falls overboard are the second leading cause of death among commercial fishermen in the United States. Between 2000 and 2014 there were 210 fatal falls overboard in the United States and NONE of the victims were wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) when they drowned. Stan fell overboard setting pots at the start of Dungeness crab season in Oregon, his story has a different ending because he was wearing his PFD. Find your flotation at www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/fishing/pfds.html.

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I Reached Over and Hit the E-Stop

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Pat and his crew used an emergency stop (E-Stop) on their deck winch to prevent an injury to one of their deckhands while salmon seining in Alaska.

Man, This Could Be It

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In the fall of 2016, Gerry fell overboard while mooring his lobster boat; he wasn't wearing a PFD. Water filled his oil skins and he was unable to re-board his boat.

The More You Wear It, The Better Off You Are

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In November of 2016, Tyler was working as a sternman on his dad's lobster boat when he was knocked overboard by a trap they were setting.

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