



# Fishing Safety Success Story: The More You Wear It, The Better Off You Are

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Falls overboard are the second leading cause of death among commercial fishermen in the United States and the leading cause of death among lobstermen in the Northeast U.S. from 2010 to 2014. NONE of the victims were wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) when they drowned. 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. Tyler's newly acquired life vest inflated and kept him above the water while his dad maneuvered the boat to rescue him. Find your flotation at

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/fishing/pfds.html>[View this video](#)  on the NIOSH YouTube channel.*Year: 2019**Video Pub. No.: 2019-164**Total running time: 4:18*

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## More Fishing Safety Success Stories:

### My Life Vest Saved Me

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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.

### 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.

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