

Reminder: Code of Massachusetts Regulations 323, 2.07 (10) states:

Any person aboard a canoe or kayak between January 1 to May 15 and between September 15 to December 31 shall wear at all times a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device of Type I, II, or III except persons aboard vessels excluded by M.G.L. c. 90B, Sec. 5A.

The exemption referred to in Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) c. 90B, Sec. 5A states:

This section shall not apply to vessels used in competitive rowing, sculling or supervised intercollegiate sailing programs, rafts, surfboards, sail fish, so called, or any similar type of vessel.

Penalties for violation are not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars. (M.G.L. c. 90B, Sec. 14(c)).