

**571—37.2(462A) Definitions.** For the purpose of Divisions I, II, and III of this chapter:

“*A Scale*” or “*A*” means the physical scale marked “*A*” graduated in decibels on a sound level meter that meets the requirements of the American National Standards Institute, Incorporated, publication S1.4 — 1983 General Purpose Sound Level Meters.

“*Buoy*” means any device designed to float that is anchored in the water and that is used to convey a message.

“*Display area*” means the area on a sign or buoy needed for display of a waterway marker symbol.

“*Diver’s flag*” means a red flag or device with a white diagonal running from the upper left hand corner to the lower right hand corner (from mast head to lower outside corner).

“*PFD*” means a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device that is intended to be worn or thrown.

“*Regulatory marker*” means a waterway marker that has no equivalent in the U.S. Coast Guard system of navigational aids.

“*Sign*” means any device for carrying a message that is attached to another object such as a piling, buoy, structure or the land itself.

“*Symbols*” means geometric figures such as a diamond, circle, rectangle, etc., used to convey a basic message.

“*Throwable PFD*” means a PFD that is intended to be thrown to a person in the water. A PFD marked as Type IV or Type V with Type IV performance is considered a throwable PFD. Unless specifically marked otherwise, a wearable PFD is not a throwable PFD.

“*Waterway marker*” means any device designed to be placed in, on, or near the water to convey an official message to a boat operator on matters which may affect health, safety, or well-being, except that such devices of the U.S. or any agency of the United States are excluded from the meaning of this definition.

“*Wearable PFD*” means a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD that is intended to be worn or otherwise attached to the body. A PFD marked as Type I, Type II, Type III, or Type V with Type I, II or III performance is considered a wearable PFD.

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