



*Bluestorm  
Sport Sail  
33*

*Helly  
Hansen  
HI250*

*Protexion  
Nautilus  
Deluxe*

*Revere  
ComfortMax  
61020*

**PS VALUE GUIDE HARNESS-EQUIPPED INFLATABLE PFDs**

BRAND	BLUESTORM	BLUESTORM	BLUESTORM	HELLY HANSEN	PROTEXION	REVERE	
MODEL	Pro Sail 33 (56F)	X-Treme Sail 33 (S1F)	Sport Sail 33 (S3F)	HI250	Nautilus Deluxe (NIV 2500)	ComfortMax (61020)	
PRICE	\$180	\$200	\$130	\$290	\$290	\$165	
RE-ARM KIT PRICE	\$20	\$22	\$18	\$28	\$28	\$25	
PRICE SOURCE	Bluestorm	Bluestorm	Bluestorm	Helly Hansen	Helly Hansen	defender.com	
WARRANTY PERIOD	3 years	3 years	3 years	1 year	1 year	2 years	
USCG APPROVED TYPE	Type V	Type V	Type V	No	No	Type V	
OPERATION	Auto/Man	Auto/Man	Man	Auto/Man	Auto/Man	Man	
INFLATOR TYPE	Halkey Roberts 6F	Halkey Roberts 1F	Halkey Roberts 3F	Halkey Roberts 1F	Halkey Roberts 1F	Halkey Roberts 3F	
CHEST SIZE)	30-52 in.	30-52 in.	30-52 in.	30-52 in.	30-52 in.	30-52 in.	
BUOYANCY	>35 lbs.	>35 lbs.	>35 lbs.	33.7 lbs.	33.7 lbs.	35 lbs.	
WEIGHT	42.6 oz.	44.1 oz.	40.2 oz.	33.5 oz.	42.6 oz.	42 oz.	
REFLECTIVE TAPE	16 sq. in.	16 sq. in.	16 sq. in.	None	27 sq. in.	42 sq. in.	
SAFETY LIGHT	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	
WHISTLE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
SPRAY HOOD	No	No	No	No	No	No	
COVER CLOSURE	Velcro and plastic snaps	Velcro and plastic snaps	Velcro and plastic snaps	Velcro	Velcro	Velcro	
RATINGS	SPRAY TEST	Pass	Pass	N/A	Pass	Pass	N/A
	EASE OF DONNING/DOFFING	Good	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
	COMFORT/FIT ON LAND (MEN)	Fair	Fair	Fair	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	COMFORT/FIT ON LAND (WOMEN)	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good	Good	Good
	COMFORT/FIT IN WATER	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Good
	RE-ARMING/REPACKING	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Fair	Excellent





*Revere  
ComfortMax  
61021*



*Spinlock  
Deckvest*

## One-on-One

**W**hen compared side-by-side, the differences in the PFDs we tested are subtle, with the exception of the Spinlock Deckvest. It was the only vest tested with a webbing loop for tether attachment rather than metal D-rings. It and our reigning top pick, the Mustang MD3184, are the only PFDs reviewed that use a zipper closure on the cover to secure the uninflated air bladder. The two other Bluestorms are nearly identical to the Sport Sail 33 shown here.



*Mustang MD3184*

	REVERE	SPINLOCK	MUSTANG
	ComfortMax (61021) ✓	Deckvest (150N)	MD3184 (3154 in Canada) ★
	\$195	\$365	\$245
	\$27	\$38	\$50
	defender.com	sailingproshop.com	starmarine depot.com
	2 years	2 years	1 years
	Type V	No	Type V
	Auto/Man	Auto/Man	Auto/Man
	Halkey Roberts 1F	UML MKSI	Hammar 1F
	30-52 in.	29-49 in.	Up to 52 in.
	35 lbs.	33.7 lbs.	35 lbs.
	44.7 oz.	46.8 oz.	37 oz.
	42 sq. in.	112 sq. in.	45 sq. in.
	Yes	Yes	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes
	No	Yes	No
	Velcro	Plastic zipper	Velcro
	Inflated	Inflated	NA
	Excellent	Fair	Excellent
	Excellent	Fair	Excellent
	Good	Fair	Good
	Good	Excellent	Excellent
	Excellent	Poor	Good