

## WHO'S WHO

### 6-MAN LIFE RAFTS

**F**ive manufacturers provided eight, six-man life rafts for our test late last year in Annapolis, Md. Citing time constraints and concerns about the protocol, Revere rafts and Givens declined to participate. West Marine was working with Zodiac to develop a six-man ISAF raft, and has agreed to provide us with the new raft when it becomes available for testing. The rafts we tested:

- DSB 6-ISAF raft (canister)
- Elliot 6-SOLAS raft (canister)
- Switlik MD-3 Life Raft (canister)
- Switlik SAR-MKII (canister)
- Viking RescYou Raft (UKL) (canister)
- Viking RescYou Raft Pro (UKSL) (canister)
- Winslow Ocean Rescue (valise)
- Zodiac Class Ocean 6-ISAF raft (canister)



*Seven of the eight rafts PS tested came in canisters. Their weights ranged from 84 pounds for the DSB ISAF (front, center) to 167 pounds for the Elliot SOLAS (back, right).*