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URGENT!

To:	All Helicopter Crews	**From:**	Rufus Crowe
Co:	Hansen Helicopters & Affiliated Companies	**Page:**	1 of 1
Re:	Auto Inflate Life Jackets	**Date:**	4 September 2015
Fax:		**Note:**	Please Acknowledge Receipt!

Gentlemen:

Eyewitness statements from the spotter and first responders of Atun Kalap's helicopter have indicated that the pilot's life jacket was inflated while the helicopter was upside down in the water. At this time, the consensus is that the inflated life jacket prevented him from releasing his seat belt and exiting the helicopter.

It is of the utmost importance that the auto-inflate mechanisms on life jackets be disabled or not worn in flight operations. Please utilize the company provided EAM GA-12 life jackets if necessary.

Extra EAM GA-12 life jackets are available on Majuro, ask Jeff if you need them. Please let Parts know if you require any replacements or wish or order an aviation appropriate life jacket.

Sincerely,

Rufus Crowe
Operations Manager/Chief Pilot