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# **LPG AND CNG FUELED APPLIANCES**



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## A-26 LPG AND CNG FUELED APPLIANCES

Based on ABYC's assessment of the existing technology, and the problems associated with achieving the goals of this standard, ABYC recommends compliance with this standard for all systems and associated equipment manufactured and/or installed after July 31, 2013.

### 26.1 PURPOSE

This standard is a guide for the design, construction, installation, and maintenance of LPG and CNG fueled appliances.

### 26.2 SCOPE

This standard applies to permanently installed LPG and CNG fueled appliances intended for use in enclosed compartments on boats.

#### EXCEPTIONS:

1. Stoves covered by [ABYC A-3, Galley Stoves](#).
2. Stoves covered by [ABYC A-30, Cooking Appliances With Integral LPG Cylinders](#).

### 26.3 REFERENCES

26.3.1 The following publications form a part of this standard. Unless otherwise noted the latest version of referenced standards shall apply.

26.3.1.1 ABYC - American Boat & Yacht Council, Inc., 613 Third Street, Suite 10, Annapolis, MD 21403  
Phone: (410) 990-4460. Fax: (410) 990-4466. Website: [www.abycinc.org](http://www.abycinc.org)

[ABYC A-1, Marine Liquefied Petroleum Gas \(LPG\) Systems](#)  
[ABYC A-22, Marine Compressed Natural Gas \(CNG\) Systems](#)  
[ABYC T-5, Safety Signs And Labels](#)

26.3.1.2 ANSI - American National Standards Institute, 25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10036 Phone:  
(212) 642-4900. Fax: (212) 398-0023. Website: [www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org)

ANSI Z 21.57 *Recreational Vehicle Cooking Gas Appliances*

26.3.1.3 UL - Underwriters Laboratories Marine Department, POB 13995, 12 Laboratory Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 Phone: (919) 549-1400. Website: [www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com)

UL 103 *Chimneys, Factory-built*

### 26.4 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions apply.

26.4.1 Accommodation Spaces - spaces designed for living purposes for persons aboard a boat. Examples of specific uses of accommodation spaces include: staterooms, heads (bathrooms), galley, pilothouse, navigation, workshop, and other similar people-oriented spaces. These uses contrast with engine and fuel tank compartments.

26.4.2 Attended Appliance - an appliance that is installed in the cabin of a boat and intended for use when the occupants are in the accommodation space in which the appliance is installed, and that requires frequent attention by an operator, such as cooking stoves and ovens.

26.4.3 Enclosed Compartment - a space or compartment that has less than 15 in<sup>2</sup> (96cm<sup>2</sup>) of net open area directly exposed to the atmosphere for each cubic foot (.028 m<sup>3</sup>) of net compartment.