



MAN OVERBOARD (MOB) RECOVERY

Member's Name:	Member's Number:
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Pull alongside and recover a crewmember that has fallen overboard.

A drill will automatically be deemed unsatisfactory if any of the following conditions are met: **(S)**

- Jeopardizing safety of passengers and crew (i.e., Engine Cutoff Switch, jewelry, etc.)
- Unsafe operation or navigation of the boat
- Failure to wear and use serviceable crew safety and survival equipment.
- Failure to properly assign and utilize crewmembers.
- Failure to use applicable operational risk management and updating as necessary.

(COX) required for Coxswain.

(BCM) required for Crewmember.

All steps with an **(S)** must be performed for a satisfactory drill by the crew position(s) indicted.

INITIAL ACTION

(S) Spread the alarm "MAN OVERBOARD (PORT/STBD side, the bow, the stern)!" **(BCM)**

(S) The coxswain turns the boat in the direction indicated in the alarm. **(COX)**

(S) Person who observes PIW maintains sight of PIW and continuously points (open handed) to PIW. **(BCM)**

(S) Position recorded by pressing the appropriate button on the Chart Plotter/GPS receiver Save button (if this equipment is on the boat) **(COX)**

(S) Alert boats in the general vicinity by sounding 5 or more short blasts on whistle or horn. **(COX)**

(S) Upon command from Coxswain, crew member will deploy a floatable device (Datum). **(COX) & (BCM)**

(S) Crewmember maintain sight of, and continuously point (open handed) to the individual in the water while carefully moving to assigned position in sight of the coxswain. Give clear, loud verbal directions as well as the condition of the PIW (conscious/unconscious, injured, etc.) to the coxswain. **(COX) & (BCM)**

NOTE: Coxswain may relieve pointer of their duties when they have the PIW within sight, so the pointer may shift to recovery

RECOVERY PREPARATIONS

(S) Crewmember receives briefing from Coxswain on recovery procedures (direct or indirect method) including which side of boat the recovery will occur. **(COX) & (BCM)**

(S) On command from Coxswain, crew member proceeds immediately to assigned position (should be lowest point of freeboard away from propellers) to assist with the recovery of PIW. **(COX) & (BCM)**

(S) Recovery crewmember makes preparations for the pickup (prepare heaving line, Boat hook, paddle, etc.). **(BCM)**

(S) Coxswain maintains a safe speed to ensure crew safety while setting up for recovery. **(COX)**



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(S) Based on existing weather conditions, the coxswain will select either a leeward or a windward approach to bring PIW alongside facility. (COX)	
(S) If the PIW does drift aft of the boat, do not back down to affect the recovery. (COX)	
(S) Once PIW is alongside facility, ensure engine(s) placed in neutral, crew member obtains positive control of PIW and communicates to Coxswain positive control. (COX) & (BCM)	
(S) Upon command from Coxswain, pull the PIW aboard using two persons (if possible). (COX) & (BCM)	
Recover PIW within 5 minutes. (COX)	
(S) Keep Unit/Operational Commander advised of status. (COX)	
RECOVERY (Indirect method)	
(S) Based on existing weather conditions, the coxswain will select either a leeward or a windward approach to bring PIW close to facility (COX)	
(S) Prepare a rescue heaving line, on command from Coxswain, throw a rescue heaving line to PIW (COX) & (BCM)	
(S) Once PIW is alongside facility, ensure engine(s) placed in neutral, crew member obtains positive control of PIW and communicates to Coxswain positive control (COX) & (BCM)	
(S) Upon command from Coxswain, pull the PIW aboard using two persons (if possible). (COX) & (BCM)	
Recover PIW within 5 minutes. (COX)	
(S) Keep Unit/Operational Commander advised of status. (COX)	
FOLLOW UP ACTIONS	
Demonstrate appropriate first aid.	
Describe actions to take if PIW is not located.	
Explain MISHAP reporting requirements.	
COMMENTS / NOTES	