

Offshore Special Regulations

Appendix G – Training – C.13 Liferafts & Lifejackets (Practical)

A submission from the Chairman on behalf of the Training Working Party.

Purpose or Objective

Update the Appendix, which was first published in 2002.

Proposal 1

Amend to read:

Session 13 Liferafts and Lifejackets (practical recommend 2 hours)

- .1 a pool with a wave-making facility will add realism
- .2 trainees to don shirt and trousers plus oilskins and to try swimming first without, then with 150N lifejackets. Majority of exercises with all trainees wearing 150N lifejackets.
- .3 inflate a liferaft and transfer a full complement into the raft (a) from the poolside (b) from the water (show difference between boarding with ramp and without): paddle the liferaft for a distance.
- .4 capsize a liferaft and have each trainee right the raft whilst swimming
- .5 trainees to haul into a raft one survivor who plays helpless
- .6 In fully-loaded raft trainees to check out all equipment, ~~including that in grab bag, deploying or using everything including food and water.~~
- ~~.7 trainee to attempt heliograph signalling (using spotlight in roof) from liferaft (more difficult if in wave making pool).~~
- ~~.8 trainees to operate WT VHF hand held and WT hand held GPS talking to instructor as if a rescue vessel.~~
- .9 trainees to try lifejackets both with and without crotch straps in place.
- .10 each trainee to experience use of the splashguard in wave conditions.
- .11 group to investigate ability of lifejacket to self-right.
- .12 forming circle in water to aid visibility/morale – HELP/Huddle techniques
- .13 towing an unconscious person
- .14 assistance using throwing line to recover nearby survivor
- .15 the opportunity of using the pool may be taken to demonstrate MOB modules, Lifeslings, lifebuoys etc.
- .16 if a darkened pool is available, demonstrate retro-reflective tape.

~~.17 trainees who depend on spectacles may consider having an indestructible pair as part of their personal survival kit.~~

Current Position 1

As above.

Reasons

.6 Pool rafts will not have or would not want to have food and equipment inside.

.17 Not part of practical drill