

Man Overboard Drill

F/V _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Scenario

While hauling gear during sloppy weather, a deck hand is washed overboard by a large wave or falls overboard while dipping a 5-gallon bucket over the side. The crewmember is wearing a flotation suit equipped with a light and whistle. Other boats are visible in the area.

Before Drill

Is the crew familiar with the vessel's person overboard recovery plan, including:

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | How the skipper plans to pull a person back on board. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | What equipment is required. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Skipper's requirements for wearing flotation while on deck. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rules for being on deck in rough weather or at night. |

Setting Up the Drill

This drill is best run while underway with no gear in the water, and with the person overboard represented by an inflated buoy with a personal marker light attached.

Initiating the Drill

The drill leader chooses a "victim" and informs that crewmember about the overboard incident. The drill leader then throws a buoy overboard and advises another crewmember of the person overboard. The "victim" does not participate in the drill directly, but observes the crew's reactions to the scenario and helps keep track of the following critical points. This nonparticipant can also be your safety backup.

Critical Points to Look for During Drill

1. Alarms/Communication

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does person discovering the emergency initiate the alarm? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does person discovering the emergency tell the wheelhouse which side of the vessel the victim fell from? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does person on watch alert all crewmembers? How? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are Coast Guard and other vessels made aware of the problem? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does entire crew recognize the Man Overboard signal? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | How soon is entire crew aware of the emergency? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are any crewmembers unaware of the emergency due to an inoperative signal or lack of communication? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is communication to the wheelhouse sufficient to bring the vessel to the victim? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does crew communicate with each other? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is simulated distress signal called off after the victim is rescued? |

2. Response

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do crewmembers react in accordance with their Emergency Assignments?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do crewmembers readily do unassigned, but needed jobs (cross-training)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does crew work together as a team?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do crewmembers anticipate or react to events?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does person discovering the emergency throw a marker?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does person discovering the emergency continually keep the victim in sight and point?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does person on watch use electronic position fixing devices to mark the position of the person overboard?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does person on watch initiate a proper maneuver?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	How long does it take to rig the recovery device?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is crew in place, including a rescue swimmer in an immersion suit with a safety line, by the time the vessel is back alongside the victim?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is recovery device and vessel's hauling equipment used effectively?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do any crewmembers endanger themselves by leaning perilously over the side to recover the victim?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does crew recognize hypothermia and know appropriate treatment for the victim?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is medical help sought for treatment of hypothermia, if needed?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is crew aware of considerations in recovering survival craft?

Notes:

Drill Conductor: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: Mark the "Yes" or "No" check box next to each question in response to your observations of the crew's performance during the drill. Strike through or mark "N/A" any question that is not applicable to your vessel. Record any other observations in the notes section. You may also want to record the names of crewmembers that participated in the drill.

Use the recorded observations in your debrief of the drill with the crew. Retain this record to document the crew's performance over time.