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| Overview | This standard covers the competence required to take charge of survival craft and rescue boats. It includes preparing and launching and manoeuvring the craft, operating the engine and recovering the craft. It covers managing the situation after abandonment of the vessel and dealing with survivors and injured persons.  **Target Group**  This standard applies to individuals at the support and operational levels who have responsibility for taking charge of survival craft and rescue boats in any operational area. |

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| **Performance criteria**  You must be able to: | 1. direct the preparation, boarding, launching and recovery of the craft safely, within equipment limitations, to meet operational requirements 2. ensure propulsion is available, maintain propulsion and manoeuvre the craft correctly in a seamanlike manner, ensuring the craft clears the vessel safely 3. supervise the safe transfer of personnel 4. take initial actions on leaving the vessel to minimise the threat to survival and undertake survival management appropriate to prevailing circumstances and conditions 5. direct those aboard to meet the purpose of the operation, giving and acknowledging communications clearly and concisely 6. use communication and signalling apparatus appropriate to prevailing circumstances and conditions 7. respond promptly to unforeseen circumstances and contingencies 8. identify accurately and promptly the probable cause, nature and extent of injuries or condition of personnel and minimise any threat to life by the priority and sequence of their treatment |

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| Knowledge and understanding  You need to know and understand: | 1. how to comply with emergency procedures 2. the types of life-saving appliances normally carried on vessels and their use 3. the use of internal communication systems and effective forms of communication 4. the equipment in survival craft and its use 5. the principles concerning survival 6. how to take charge of a survival craft or rescue boat during and after launch 7. how to manage survivors and survival craft after abandoning the vessel 8. how to use locating devices, including communication and signaling apparatus and pyrotechnics 9. how to apply first aid to survivors 10. the application of statutory regulations and guidelines, organisational instructions and guidance and vessel contingency plans |

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