

MAINTAINING QUALIFICATION AS A CREW MEMBER (CREW) AND COXSWAIN (COXN)

Currency Maintenance Cycle

The currency maintenance cycle for surface operations is conducted on a three-year cycle, with certain requirements every year during the cycle, and requires the services of a Qualification Examiner (QE). The currency cycle begins on 01 January of the year following initial certification. Currency requirements must be met by 31 December of each year. For example, if a member is certified as a coxswain on 15 July 2005, that member's first currency year begins on 01 January 2006, and the member must meet all annual currency requirements by the end of 2006 (31 December 2006). The third-year currency requirements must be met by 31 December 2008. Annual currency requirements must be met during the first full calendar year after certification; credit will not be given to hours or tasks completed in the partial year of initial certification. Failure to meet currency requirements in any year of the cycle will cause a member's certification to lapse.

Crew Member - To maintain currency, a certified crew member must log twelve (12) hours underway as a crew member on orders each calendar year. Additionally, the currency maintenance tasks for this position must be performed every three years with a Qualification Examiner.

Coxswain - To maintain currency, a certified coxswain must log twelve (12) hours underway as a crew member or coxswain on orders each calendar year. Additionally, the currency maintenance tasks for this position must be performed every three years with a Qualification Examiner.

Additional Fifth (5th) Year Qualifications

Crew Members and Coxswains must attend a TCT Class at least every five years, IAW Team Coordination Training, COMDTINST 1541.1 (series).

Coxswains must pass an open book Auxiliary Navigation Rules examination at least every five years [no later than the anniversary date of their previous exam] with a minimum score of 90 percent.

Members failing to complete the open book exam within the five year period are considered lapsed and must retake the exam and achieve a minimum score of 90 percent to regain certification and receive orders.

Note: AUXDATA shows the currency maintenance schedule for all boat Crew Members, Coxswains, and PWC Operators. This report should be reviewed regularly by the respective FSOs-OP to inform their flotilla members of their status.