

Rendering Assistance at Sea

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Title 46 USC 2304 Part a spells out the requirement. "A master or individual in charge of a vessel shall render assistance to any individual found at sea in danger of being lost, so far as the master or individual in charge can do so without serious danger to the master's or individual's vessel or individuals on board.

This applies to the capabilities of the people on board as well as the boat itself. For instance, you would not be performing surgery. If your boat's cleats do not have substantial backing plates, you would not be towing a large boat.