Boat Crew Training

Man Overboard

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Possible Situations

- Direct vs Indirect Pick-up
  - **Direct:** Boat moves directly to PIW who cannot assist self (e.g. victim unconscious)
  - **Indirect:** Victim is conscious, can receive, grasp a heaving line

  In each case, PIW is brought alongside, either by moving the boat to the victim (direct) or pulling the victim to the boat (indirect)

- Only Coxswain and 1 Crew on board
  - Coxswain secures engine and assists crew to get PIW onboard

Man Overboard : Initial Action

Crew

- First person (**Pointer)** to recognize MOB situation: "MAN OVERBOARD< Port side/ /starboard/stern etc."

- Pointer maintain sight of PIW, move to location where coxswain can see you, continuously point (open-handed) to location of PIW

- Deploy datum

Coxswain

- Turn boat in direction indicated

- Sound emergency alarm
  (5 short blasts)

- Turn on safety light

- Inform COMM if time

- Order datum deployment

- Mark datum position

Coxswain may relieve pointer of duty when he has PIW in sight, so pointer shifts to recovery

MOB: Recovery Preparations

Coxswain

- Brief crew on duties/ procedures
  - Direct / indirect recovery
  - Pick-up side
  - Pointer /recoveryman etc

- Proceed at safe speed to pick- up location

Crew:

- Receive briefing, move to assigned position

- Prepare heaving line, boat hook etc. as needed

Always loud and clear communications and parroting

MOB: Recovery

Coxswain

- Order to throw heaving line if indirect method
- When PIW alongside, engine in neutral
- If PIW drifts aft of boat do not back-down

Crew

- Throw heaving line if indirect method, bring PIW alongside
- Guide Coxswain to PIW
- Once PIW alongside, gain positive control of PIW
- Inform coxswain of control of PIW
- Pull PIW into boat using 2 persons
- Check ABC

Man Overboard: Follow-up

- Operational command advised of situation / status
  - COMM informs Order Issuing Authority (OIA)

- Render First Aid as needed

- Coxswain send SITREP to DIRAUX thru Chain of Leadership (CO

Note: PIW should be recovered within 5 minutes