

# Life-saving appliance training manual

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This guideline provides information for owners and operators of SOLAS<sup>1</sup> ships on the information that must be included in a life-saving appliance training manual. A training manual must be provided in each crew mess room and recreation room or in each crew cabin.

The training manual must contain instructions and information on the life-saving appliances provided in the ship and on the best methods of survival. The training manual must include easily understood terms and illustrations wherever possible. The information may be provided in the form of audio-visual aids instead of the written manual. The following must be explained in detail:

1. how to put on lifejackets, immersion suits and anti-exposure suits, as appropriate;
2. mustering at the assigned stations;
3. boarding, launching, and clearing the survival craft and rescue boats, including, where applicable, use of marine evacuation systems;
4. method of launching from within the survival craft;
5. release from launching appliances;
6. methods and use of devices for protection in launching areas, where appropriate;
7. illumination in launching areas;
8. use of all survival equipment;
9. use of all detection equipment;
10. with the assistance of illustrations, the use of radio life-saving appliances;
11. use of drogues;
12. use of engine and accessories;
13. recovery of survival craft and rescue boats including stowage and securing;
14. hazards of exposure and the need for warm clothing;
15. best use of the survival craft facilities in order to survive;

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<sup>1</sup> International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974.

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16. methods of retrieval, including the use of helicopter rescue gear (slings, baskets, stretchers), breeches-buoy and shore life-saving apparatus and ship's line-throwing apparatus;
17. all other functions contained in the muster list and emergency instructions; and
18. instructions for emergency repair of the life-saving appliances.

Every ship fitted with a marine evacuation system shall be provided with on-board training aids in the use of the system.

The training manual must be written in the working language of the ship.

### **Disclaimer**

These guidelines provide information and explanations about the requirements set out in the maritime rules, but are not a substitute for the rules themselves, which are the law. These guidelines refer to provisions in the Maritime Rules Part 42A, Safety Equipment – Lifesaving Appliance Performance Standards.