

CHAPTER VI

PROFICIENCY IN SURVIVAL CRAFT

Regulation VI/1

Mandatory Minimum Requirements for the Issue of Certificates of Proficiency in Survival Craft

Every seafarer to be issued with a certificate of proficiency in survival craft shall:

- (a) be not less than 17½ years of age;
- (b) satisfy the Administration as to medical fitness;
- (c) have approved sea-going service of not less than 12 months or have attended an approved training course and have approved sea-going service of not less than nine months;
- (d) satisfy the Administration by examination or by continuous assessment during an approved training course that he possesses knowledge of the contents of the Appendix to this Regulation;
- (e) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Administration by examination or by continuous assessment during an approved training course that he possesses the ability to:
 - (i) don a life-jacket correctly; safely jump from a height into the water; board a survival craft from the water while wearing a life-jacket;
 - (ii) right an inverted liferaft while wearing a life-jacket;
 - (iii) interpret the markings on survival craft with respect to the number of persons they are permitted to carry;
 - (iv) make the correct commands required for launching and boarding the survival craft, clearing the ship and handling and disembarking from the survival craft;
 - (v) prepare and launch survival craft safely into the water and clear the ship's side quickly;
 - (vi) deal with injured persons both during and after abandonment;
 - (vii) row and steer, erect a mast, set the sails, manage a boat under sail and steer a boat by compass;
 - (viii) use signalling equipment, including pyrotechnics;
 - (ix) use portable radio equipment for survival craft.

APPENDIX TO REGULATION VI/1

Minimum knowledge required for the issue of certificates of proficiency in survival craft

1. Types of emergency situations which may occur, such as collisions, fire, foundering.