NOAA Small Boat Program

## Crewemember Personal Qualification Standards for Class A and Class I Small Boats

To become a qualified Crewmember, candidates must demonstrate personal knowledge of the procedures used, and equipment carried aboard the small boat on which they will sail. This PQS is a template, showing the baseline knowledge a candidate must demonstrate. It is expected that the VOC and/or OIC will add standards based on region, mission, and boat.

Candidates must accomplish all tasks without prompting or use of a reference. Tasks may be preformed shore side, or underway.

Name:

Date:

Vessel Construction and Equipment		
1. Descr	ibe and demonstrate use of the following	
1.1.	Steering	
1.2.	Bilge pump location, float location, and discharge location	
1.3.	Battery switch	
1.4.	Emergency kill switch	
1.5.	Anchor	
1.6.	Type of Propulsion	
1.7.	Location of any special features of the vessel (self-bailing, self-righting, etc)	
1.8.	reserved for additional specific information (edit this template)	
1.9.	Location of any electronics carried aboard (edit this template)	
1.10.		
1.11.		
1.12.		
1.13.		
1.14.		

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

- 1. Describe the duties of a Lookout
- 2. Demonstrate reporting a hazard using range and bearing
- 3. Describe situation awareness
- 4. Explain succession of Command

Safety		
1.	Describe the usage and location of the following equipment	
	1.1. Fire extinguisher	
	1.2. PFD	
	1.3. Thermal protection	
	1.4. EPIRB, including deployment (manual vs float free)	
	1.5. First aid kit	
	1.6. Flares	
	1.7. Bailing bucket	
	1.8. Hand bilge pump	
	1.9. Man overboard recovery system	
	1.10reserved for any additional safety equipment (edit this template)	
	1.11	
	1.12	
	1.13	
2.	Explain the Crewmember's role during an emergency	
3.	Demonstrate ability to make emergency call on the VHF radio	
	3.1. Describe Sécurité vs Pan-Pan vs Mayday	
	3.2. Describe which channel to use (13/16/local)	
	3.3. Demonstrate using the DSC button on VHF, if available	

## Safety (cont)

- 4. Explain when a PFD must be worn
- 5. Explain when thermal protection must be worn
- 6. Demonstrate understanding of MOB recovery procedures

#### Seamanship

- 1. Demonstrate marlinspike seamanship
  - 1.1. Bowline
  - 1.2. Clove hitch
  - 1.3. Sheet bend
- 2. Demonstrate line handing
  - 2.1. Ease a line under load
  - 2.2. Throw a line from boat to pier (or other boat)
  - 2.3. Make a line off to a cleat

### **Basic Boat Handling**

- 1. Demonstrate how to put the throttle in
  - 1.1. Neutral
  - 1.2. Idle
  - 1.3. Forward
  - 1.4. Reverse
- 2. Demonstrate driving the boat
  - 2.1. In forward
  - 2.2. In reverse

# Basic Boat Handling (cont)

- 3. Demonstrate steering the boat
  - 3.1. To starboard at idle
  - 3.2. To port at idle
  - 3.3. To starboard at cruise speed
  - 3.4. To port at cruise speed
- 4. Trailering familiarization

Assessor's Name

Assessor's Signature

Date