

OPERATOR PRACTICAL EXAMINATION



As employer, it is your responsibility to ensure your operators are trained specific to the equipment and gear they will be using, as well as the situation in which that equipment will be used. The training presentation and written exam satisfies the requirements for classroom training. But to be in complete compliance, regulations dictate that operators must also pass a practical examination and observation portion.

This is the employer's opportunity to watch the trainee in a controlled environment in order to assess whether or not they have successfully applied in the field what he or she learned in the classroom.

While regulations do not specifically outline the extent of such an observation, you should take the time to observe them in regards to the jobs they will be performing on a daily basis. At the very least, this should entail going through a pre-shift inspection as well as basic principles governing safe operations.

As far as voice and hand signals are concerned, the operator should also demonstrate an understanding of these signals and their corresponding functions.

To assist with this responsibility, we have provided a general exam you may use in administering the practical examination. Feel free to use it as is or as a guide to create one more specific to your employee, equipment, worksite, or job needs.

HOW TO USE IT: *It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 . . .*

1. Simply observe their knowledge based on the modules included.
2. Go down the list, checking off that they satisfactorily performed each task.
3. When done, sign it and file it along with the examination and certificate.

Work Safe, Stay Safe

Survival Craft Evaluation Form

Operator's Name: _____ Date: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

The purpose of the sea survival evaluation form is to aid the evaluator in assessing the operator's competency to utilize the equipment safely and correctly. Items may be added or deleted depending on the operating environment or the needs of your company.

Identifying Different Types of Survival Craft:

| | Sat. | Unsat. | Remarks |
|---|------|--------|---------|
| Identifies main differences between life raft and life boat | | | |
| Identifies main differences between each type of life raft | | | |
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| Identifies where each type of life raft is designed to be used | | | |
| Identifies on what vessels each type of life boat is typically placed | | | |

Identifies and Follows Launching Procedures for Liferrafts:

| | Sat. | Unsat. | Remarks |
|--|------|--------|---------|
| Identifies type of raft specific to vessel | | | |
| Identifies correct launching procedures specific to vessel | | | |
| Performs appropriate safety inspections of survival craft before use | | | |
| Ensures that required maintenance has been done on raft | | | |
| Checks that life rafts are not expired | | | |
| Follows specified launching procedures step by step | | | |
| Appropriately launches life raft into the water | | | |
| Safely detaches from vessel | | | |
| Performs initial safety steps after launching life raft | | | |

Identifies and Follows Launching Procedures for Lifeboats:

| | Sat. | Unsat. | Remarks |
|--|------|--------|---------|
| Identifies type of lifeboat specific to vessel | | | |
| Identifies correct launching procedures specific to vessel | | | |
| Performs appropriate safety inspections of survival craft before use | | | |
| Ensures that required maintenance has been done on survival craft before deploying | | | |
| Ensures that all passengers are seated and buckled before launching | | | |
| Performs initial safety steps after launching lifeboat | | | |

Supervisor/Trainer Name & Signature _____

Date _____