



Guidelines for Qualification for National Endorsements for Lifeboatman and Lifeboatman-Limited and STCW Endorsements for Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats Other Than Fast Rescue Boats and Proficiency in Survival Craft-Limited

The Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P) has published Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 01-24, Guidelines for Qualification for National Endorsements for Lifeboatman and Lifeboatman-Limited and STCW Endorsements for Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats Other Than Fast Rescue Boats and Proficiency in Survival Craft-Limited.

This NVIC consolidates policy on national endorsements and STCW endorsements into a single document. With publication of NVIC 01-24, NVIC 04-14 is cancelled.

Existing policy is largely unchanged by the new NVIC, with one very notable exception. The Coast Guard will no longer require practical demonstrations for the rowing of a lifeboat. The requirement to show knowledge of rowing through examination has not changed.

Training providers with approved courses for Lifeboatman and/or Proficiency in Survival Craft who wish to remove practical exercises involving the rowing of a lifeboat may do so immediately. This significant change will not require a request to modify the course based on the issuance of NVIC 01-24 and this bulletin. Training providers should document the removal of practical exercises involving rowing of a lifeboat on the course Record of Change and incorporate the change into the course curriculum at the next renewal of the course approval

This NVIC is available at <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/NVIC/>.

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