

# Man Overboard Guidance

## General Requirements of All:

- **Sound Crew Alarm.**
- Crew to muster stations with warm clothing and lifejackets donned correctly.
- Was the crewman seen to have fallen overboard? Yes / No.
- If yes throw lifebuoy with smoke / light float attached to mark position.
- If no, note time and position and consider using smoke / light float anyway to mark a datum position. This will give a visual marker to searching vessels and aircraft as an indication of the tide and surface water movement in the search area from a given time.

## Skipper:

- Press MOB function on Navigational aid, if fitted and crew alarm.
- Inform ships mate with all details.
- Send DSC alert and commence voice transmission on VHF, MF or HF as appropriate.
- Inform Coastguard of any updated information and the description of missing person.
- Haul fishing gear if fishing.
- If not fishing and navigation allows commence Williamson turn.
- Pass any additional information to the Coastguard and any other vessels assisting.
- Keep all search units up to date by sending situation reports regularly.

## Mate:

- Crew muster report to skipper, crewman missing Yes / No.
- Collect details of missing crewman and pass to skipper asap Time and place last seen, clothing type and colours, age and state of health.
- Ensure crew are dressed appropriately.
- Post lookouts forward, wing of the bridge port and starboard also on a high point aft.
- Organise search of vessel for missing crewman.
- Prepare to launch rescue boat if carried.
- Organise man overboard recovery system.
- Organise dry clothing and first aid equipment, prepare to treat for hypothermia.