

FIRST WATERCRAFT OPEN WATER RESCUE

MABAS Division 2 Operational Checklist #17-F

Updated 11/3/15
Reviewed 6/23/21

ALL PERSONNEL IN A WATERCRAFT WILL HAVE A PFD ON AT ALL TIMES

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Responsibilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Proceed to closest available launch area with watercraft and trailer. <input type="checkbox"/> Follow all motor vehicle / Watercraft law during operation | <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate launch area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check ramp conditions/drop offs • Check depth of water • Check wind conditions • Check for submerged objects • Check for current |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Risk/ Benefit analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate the operating hazards |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Launch Watercraft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure watercraft is fueled • Drain plugs are in • Donning your PFD Type 3 or 5 • Environmental exposure protection warm/cold • Proper anchoring device • Restrict usage of turnout gear in watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Launch Watercraft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back watercraft into launch • Releasing the safety rear tie down • Prepare and start the engine • Helmet as indicated by AHJ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Incident Command for orders | <input type="checkbox"/> If the victim is visible on surface attempt Rescue |

Safety Considerations

- | |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operating at night have proper lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not use motors within 45ft of a diver down situation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> When using boat to tow divers work off bow of boat keeping motor away from divers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Normal boat etiquette shall be observed |