

# FIRST WATERCRAFT LOW HEAD DAM RESCUE

**MABAS Division 2  
Operational Checklist  
#24-F**  
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**Watercraft will not go past the boil line: Except for Elgin Rescue Raft**

<b>Responsibilities</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> AHJ will give approval on a boat-based rescue attempt. <input type="checkbox"/> Proceed to closest available launch area with watercraft & trailer. <input type="checkbox"/> Follow all motor vehicle / Watercraft law during operations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate launch area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check ramp conditions/drop offs</li> <li>• Check depth of water</li> <li>• Check wind conditions</li> <li>• Check for submerged objects</li> <li>• Check for current</li> </ul>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Risk/ Benefit analysis	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate the operating hazards
	<input type="checkbox"/> Launch Watercraft: Inflatable for operation near boil line, Ridged hull used for backup. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure watercraft is fueled</li> <li>• Drain plugs are in</li> <li>• Donning your PFD Type 3 or 5</li> <li>• Environmental exposure protection warm/cold</li> <li>• Proper anchoring device</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Launch Watercraft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back watercraft into launch</li> <li>• Releasing the safety rear tie down</li> <li>• Prepare and start the engine</li> <li>• Helmet with proper PPE</li> </ul>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Second Rescue Boat should be requested and deployed downstream for safety.	<input type="checkbox"/> PFD in Watercraft for victim

**Safety Considerations**

<input type="checkbox"/> Watercraft shall not go past the boil line in an attempt at rescue
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