

SC 213 Arrangements for remotely located survival craft

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(SOLAS Regulations III/31.1.4, III/7.2.1.2, III/11.4, III/11.7 and III/16.7)

Regulations:

Regulation III/31.1.4 reads:

“Cargo ships where the horizontal distance from the extreme end of the stem or stern of the ship to the nearest end of the closest survival craft is more than 100 m shall carry, in addition to the liferafts required by paragraphs 1.1.2 and 1.2.2, a liferaft stowed as far forward or aft, or one as far forward and another as far aft, as is reasonable and practicable. Such liferaft or liferafts may be securely fastened so as to permit manual release and need not be of the type which can be launched from an approved launching device”

Regulation III/7.2.1.2

“a sufficient number of lifejackets shall be carried for persons on watch and for use at remotely located survival craft stations. The lifejackets carried for persons on watch should be stowed on the bridge, in the engine control room and at any other manned watchstation.”

Regulation III/11.4

“Muster and embarkation stations shall be adequately illuminated by lighting supplied from the emergency source of electrical power required by regulation II-1/42 or II-1/43, as appropriate.”

Regulation III/11.7

“An embarkation ladder complying with the requirements of paragraph 6.1.6 of the Code extending, in a single length, from the deck to the waterline in the lightest seagoing condition under unfavourable conditions of trim of up to 10 and a list of up to 20 either way shall be provided at each embarkation station or at every two adjacent embarkation stations for survival craft launched down the side of the ship. However, the Administration may permit such ladders to be replaced by approved devices to afford access to the survival craft when waterborne, provided that there shall be at least one embarkation ladder on each side of the ship. Other means of embarkation enabling descent to the water in a controlled manner may be permitted for the liferafts required by regulation 31.1.4.”

Note:

1. This UI is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies for ships contracted for construction on or after 1 January 2007.
2. The “contracted for construction” date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of “contract for construction”, refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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(cont)**Regulation III/16.7**

“During preparation and launching, the survival craft, its launching appliance, and the area of water into which it is to be launched shall be adequately illuminated by lighting supplied from the emergency source of electrical power required by regulation II-1/42 or II-1/43, as appropriate.”

Interpretation

Liferafts, if located at aft/forward end of the ship and at a distance more than 100 m from the closest survival craft, as required by reg. III/31.1.4, shall be regarded as "remotely located survival craft" with regard to reg. III/7.2.1.2.

The area where these remotely located survival craft are stowed shall be provided with:

- a minimum number of 2 lifejackets and 2 immersion suits;
- adequate means of illumination, either fixed or portable, which shall be capable of illuminating the liferaft stowage position as well as the area of water into which the liferaft should be launched. Portable lights, when used, shall have brackets to permit their positioning on both sides of the vessel; and
- an embarkation ladder or other means of embarkation enabling descent to the water in a controlled manner (e.g. knotted rope) as per reg.III/11.7.

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