



Lifeboat Drill

DESCRIPTION	Motor vessel contacts VTS station for requesting permission to lower lifeboat for drill and testing purposes
PARTICIPANTS	VTS operator and officer on the bridge
	<p><b>VTS operator</b>  The VTS operator receives a call from a vessel requesting permission to conduct a lifeboat drill.  The VTS operator needs to confirm the following information before granting permission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intended time and estimated duration of the drill</li> <li>- Whether lifeboat will be in the water during the drill</li> <li>- Passing traffic situation and schedule (<i>the VTS operator checks the traffic schedule and requests the officer to stand by on channel 71 until the operator calls back shortly</i>)</li> </ul> <p>The VTS operator grants permission for the drill and gives the following instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain a continuous watch on channels 16 and 71 throughout the drill</li> <li>- Report to VTS when the lifeboats are in the water and again when the drill is complete and the lifeboats have been recovered</li> <li>- Inform that large container vessel will be passing your vessel at 1530 local time. Ensure that both lifeboats are recovered before that time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Officer on the bridge</b>  The officer on the bridge contacts the VTS station to request permission to lower the lifeboat for a scheduled drill and testing purposes.  The officer on the bridge provides the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two lifeboats will be lowered in the water</li> <li>- The drill is planned to commence at 1400 hours local time and is expected to last approximately 45 minutes</li> <li>- Six crew members will participate in the drill (three per lifeboat)</li> </ul> <p>The officer acknowledges all instructions from the VTS operator and confirms the vessel will report back upon completion of the drill.</p>