

POLAR QUALIFICATION

Working with Small Boats/Zodiacs

2022 Edition



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DEFINITIONS:

- Scope:** Outlines who the test is for.
- Element:** Outlines the overall **skill set** to be tested.
- Range:** The **specific skills** to be examined. An examination **may or may not** include all of the range items. It is at the discretion of the Assessor if the Assessee shows confidence and ease in other range items as to whether they examine them or not.
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SCOPE: This award recognizes the skills and knowledge and duty of guest care required by any staff who are involved in shore excursions working with and around small boats/zodiacs.

PREREQUISITES: Nil

ELEMENTS & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:

Element 1 – Working with small boat/zodiacs

1.1 Demonstrate knowledge and uses of all shore kit/stranding barrel contents.

1.2 Understands ship specific passenger small boat/zodiac safety guidelines and is able to enforce them.

1.3 Personal preparedness

Range: Suitable attire for conditions (understands the reasons for, and options to wear waders or a dry suit), radio suitably attached, spare crucial clothing items for self or passengers if required, knowledge of expected conditions and operating locations.

1.4 Is able to check and identify correct usage of PFD's and solve problems.

Range: Inflatable U vests and buckled foam vests.

1.5 Is able to load and unload a small boat/zodiac during standard operations at a landing, on a pier or beach.

Range: Holding craft, safe positioning and reasons why, checks for any disability or extra assistance, instruct sit/slide, elbow hook, options for bow unload, instructions for next action, and cleaning boots/pants.

| DATE: | REVIEWERS: |
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| 2010 | Prepared by Graham Charles (for Quark and OOE) |
| 2015 | Graham Charles |
| 2/3/2016 | Graham Charles |
| 3/9/2016 | Staff of Vavilov OOE – many alts |
| 5/12/2016 | PTGA Board, Doug Gould <i>et al.</i> |
| 8/05/2017 | Graham Charles editions |
| 9/8/2017 | Graham Charles editions Flipped Small boat/zodiac and wildlife approaches |
| 10/9/2017 | Graham Charles split into Polar Endorsement and small boat zodiac ops |
| 14/5/2018 | Qualifications Review Meeting |
| 20/5/2019 | Qualifications Review Meeting |
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| 2021 | Qualifications Review Meeting |
| 2022 | Qualifications Review Meeting |