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Title	Manual Hoisting of a Dedicated Rescue Boat
Reference	SOLAS LSA Code

Manual Hoisting of a Dedicated Rescue Boat

The Sub-Committee considered draft Uls of paragraphs 6.1.1.3 and 6.1.2.2 of the LSA Code regarding the launching of rescue boats.

Paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code as amended by resolution MSC.459(101) with effect from January 1, 2024

- Specifically for cargo ships, the hoisting-up of a dedicated rescue boat from its stowed position should be considered as part of launching preparation, but not part of launching process. Therefore, manual hoisting up prior to embarkation may be acceptable for subsequent slewing out.

Paragraph 6.1.2.2 of the LSA Code, as amended through resolution MSC.459(101)

- Specifically for cargo ships not fitted with stored mechanical power in compliance with paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code, the manual hoisting from the stowed position and turning out to the embarkation position of the rescue boat does not need to be actuated from a position within the rescue boat. In addition, launching mechanism is the means to control the launch of the lifeboat or rescue boat after the point of embarkation when all persons assigned have boarded.

Therefore, for cargo ships, manual hoisting up of a dedicated rescue boat prior to embarkation may be acceptable for subsequent slewing out by stored mechanical power.

Next Steps: The draft Uls of paragraphs 6.1.1.3 and 6.1.2.2 of the LSA Code will be subject to approval by MSC 110 (June 2025).

REFERENCES:

- LSA Code paragraphs 6.1.1.3 and 6.1.2.2

ATTACHMENTS: No

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