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Recency for small boat Coxswains

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- All pilots of aircraft, including small, non-commercial ones, have **recency** requirements. For example:
 - **Canada:** You cannot carry a passenger unless within the **six months** prior to the flight you have completed at least five takeoffs and landings in the same category and class of aircraft, by day or night if the flight is to be by day, and by night if the flight is to be by night.
 - **USA:** No person may serve as a required pilot / flight crew member unless within the preceding **90 calendar days** that person has made at least three takeoffs and landings in the type of airplane in which that person is to serve.

Coxswain recency



- Coxing a FRC or workboat is a **skill-based** activity, so needs practice.
- **SOLAS** part 3 Regulation 19
 - Requires launch of the rescue boat with its assigned crew aboard and manoeuvred in the water:
 - as far as is reasonable & practicable each month, and
 - definitely every 3 months.
 - In sheltered waters if ship is making headway!
- Suggested recency requirements for all coxswains (FRC and work boat)
 - To maintain recency, coxswains should launch, manoeuvre and recover a boat to a mother ship monthly as far as is reasonably practicable, and definitely every three months.
 - This should be in normal operational conditions (offshore).
 - When recency is lost (no launch in 3 months), a launch in sheltered waters on a non-operational task (i.e. a training mission) should be undertaken.
 - Coxswains should maintain a personal log (log book?) of missions, including task, time, conditions of all missions.
 - Coxswain recency should be listed in all relevant incident investigations, and used to identify if there is any significant trend between recency and incidents.