

Surface Rescue Swimmer Course

Water Entry Indoctrination
LT 3.3

OBJECTIVES

- List the procedures for day/night water entry from ship/rescue boat per NTTP 3-50.1.
- Perform day/night water entry procedures from ship/rescue boat per NTTP 3-50.1.

Day Water Entry (Forecastle)

- Don rescue strop (do not use arm retainer straps).
- Connect swimmer's tending line to "V" ring on left shoulder of swimmer harness (underneath strop).
- Swimmer assume ready position at deck edge (sit or stand).
- Perform final gear check.
- Lower swimmer to the water by J-bar davit on command from rig captain.

Day Water Entry (Forecastle)

WARNING

1. Be prepared to fend off ship with hands and feet if ship is rolling (rough seas).
2. Swimmer will never jump over the side or get out of rescue strop until the rescue strop is in the water.

- Swimmer swims clear of strop upon water entry.
- Clear mask (if necessary).
- Give hand signal "I am alright".

Day Water Entry (Rescue Boat)

- Deploy from the starboard bow on the motor whale boat and either port or starboard side of the RHIB
 - Coxswain puts engine in neutral.
 - The rescue swimmer prepares for deployment.
- Prepare to deploy swimmer after receiving permission from boat officer/coxswain.
 - Swimmer will sit on starboard bow.
 - Boat crewmember holds swimmer by harness, maintaining control of the swimmer while both scan water for debris.

Day Water Entry (Rescue Boat)

- Boat crewmember gives rescue swimmer one tap on the shoulder, then swimmer will roll to his/her left and come to rest on both hands, fins in water.
- Boat crewmember will give swimmer three taps on shoulder and release swimmer's harness.

Note

The rescue swimmer tending line is optional when deploying from the rescue boat. The coxswain shall remain in close proximity and maintain visual contact of the rescue swimmer in the water.

- Rescue swimmer pushes away from boat, enters water, clears mask, and gives day signal "I am alright".

Night Water Entry (Forecastle)

- Don rescue strop (do not use arm retainer straps).

Note

The rescue swimmer, the rescue strop, and the rescue hook shall be illuminated by chemical lights before lowering.

- Connect swimmer's tending line to "V" ring on left shoulder of swimmer harness (underneath strop).
- Swimmer assume ready position at deck edge (sit or stand).
- Perform final gear check.
- Lower swimmer to the water by J-bar davit on command from rig captain.

Night Water Entry (Forecastle)

WARNING

The swimmer shall never jump over the side or get out of rescue strop until the rescue strop is in the water.

- Swimmer swims clear of rescue strop upon water entry, clears mask, and gives night hand signal "I am alright".

Night Water Entry (Rescue boat)

- Deploy from the starboard bow of the motor whale boat and either port or starboard side of the RHIB.
 - Coxswain puts engine in neutral.
 - The rescue swimmer prepares for deployment.
- Prepare to deploy swimmer after receiving permission from boat officer/coxswain.
 - Swimmer will sit on starboard bow of the motor whale boat and either port or starboard side of the RHIB.
 - Boat crewmember holds swimmer by harness, maintaining control of the swimmer while both scan water for debris.
 - Boat crewmember gives rescue swimmer one tap on the shoulder, then swimmer will roll to his/her left and come to rest on both hands, fins in water.

Night Water Entry (Rescue boat)

- Boat crewmember will give rescue swimmer three taps on shoulder and release swimmers harness.

Note

During night operations, the rescue swimmer shall be illuminated with a chemical light before entering the water

Note

The rescue swimmer tending line is optional when deploying from the rescue boat. The coxswain shall remain in close proximity and maintain visual contact of the rescue swimmer in the water.

- Rescue swimmer pushes away from boat, enters water, clears mask, and gives night signal "I am alright".

Review

- How many taps will the swimmer receive to push off the rescue boat and enter the water?
- 3



Review

- True /False The Rescue Swimmer is allowed to jump off the side of the forecastle to save a survivor?
- False



Review

- What side of the Rescue Boat will the Rescue Swimmer deploy from?
- **Starboard**



Review

- After water entry the Rescue Swimmer will give what signal?
- "I am alright"





Questions?