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| Overview | This standard covers the competence required in launching and/or recovering vessels (other than shipborne survival craft). Such vessels might be those, for example, launched from another vessel, or from a beach or causeway.  **Target Group**  This standard applies to individuals at the operational level with responsibility for controlling the launch and/or recovery of vessels operating in inland or coastal waters. |

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| **Performance criteria**  You must be able to: | 1. plan the launch/recovery, taking into account correctly the nature of the launch/recovery, the weather and relevant marine conditions affecting the operation 2. brief all concerned clearly and correctly on the actions to be taken, ensuring that everyone understands their role and the emphasis upon safety 3. prepare correctly all necessary launch/recovery equipment, checking for damage and making good any faults before use 4. prepare correctly the vessel to be launched/recovered 5. deploy launch equipment correctly and safely 6. monitor the launch/recovery and make any necessary adjustments correctly and safely 7. ensure that launch/recovery equipment is secured and made safe following use 8. follow appropriate procedures correctly |

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| Knowledge and understanding  You need to know and understand: | 1. the principal types of launch and recovery operations that you may encounter 2. safe operating procedures for launching/recovering vessels, including the precautions to be taken to avoid damage to the vessel and others in the vicinity 3. the factors to take into account when planning to launch and/or recover a vessel, and their impact upon safe operating procedures 4. principal risks associated with launching and/or recovering a vessel, and how these are addressed 5. correct procedures for operating the launch and/or recovery equipment 6. the importance of ensuring that everyone involved in the launch/recovery understands their role |

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