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Introduction

A sea anchor is a vital component to a drifting waterborne craft in keeping the preferred angle to wind direction, enhancing stability and reducing drift speed. The International Life-Saving Appliance Code prescribes the carriage and use of sea anchors for survival craft and rescue boats, yet the revised recommendation on testing of lifesaving appliances does not provide requirements of performance and testing procedure for the sea anchors. This document addresses those areas in which the IMO recommendation is silent, in order to facilitate consistent implementation by maritime Administrations.

This document addresses the performance and testing of sea anchors for survival craft and rescue boats and it is intended for use as a companion to the IMO Revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances and also to encompass all other relevant life-saving appliances covered by this document and not necessarily regulated by IMO instruments.