

MILPERSMAN 1220-350

ASSAULT BOAT COXSWAIN QUALIFICATIONS

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1. **Eligibility**. All enlisted members, except Hospital Corpsman and Dental Technicians, are eligible for qualification as assault boat coxswain.

2. **How to Qualify**. Each command is responsible for developing an examination and observing practical factors from the following criteria: (**NOTE:** Landing craft is defined as a craft which is specifically designed for beaching, unloading or loading on the beach, and retracting.)

a. **Examination**

(1)	Nomenclature. Use of hull fittings/equipment. Capacity of cargo/personnel maneuvering and special hull characteristics. Fuel capacity and fuel endurance of landing craft.
(2)	Procedures for starting engine, normal/maximum safe motor temperatures. Stopping/securing engine. Operation of bilge pumps/sand traps.
(3)	Boat signals, identification flags and insignia. Boat identification paddles in connection with ship-to-shore movement. Control vessels signals/signal procedures. Debarkation communications/visual designations. Voice radio procedures.
(4)	Standard formations: Distance/speeds employed in assembly/rendezvous area/assault waves. Procedures for boat group commanders and control vessels.
(5)	Special maneuvering rule and precautions observed during landing and retraction through surf. Procedures for rigging boat for salvage and maneuvering to avoid fouling of propellers with tow lines.
(6)	Identify beach markers and buoys.
(7)	Procedures for transferring personnel/equipment to LVT's direct or via transfer barges; procedures at transfer line.

b. Practical Demonstration

(1)	Perform coxswain duties, supervise boat crew in hoisting/lowering operation, rig/secure all gear in landing craft, follow procedure in handling all types of cargo.
(2)	Handle a landing craft in protected waters, coming alongside, casting off from a vessel or pier. Observe all safety measures applicable to operation of the boat/equipment.
(3)	Use and identify boat signals, boat identification flags, insignia in connection with ship-to-shore movement.
(4)	Maintain assigned station in all phases of ship-to-shore movement, employing knowledge of standard formations, distance/speeds in assembly/rendezvous area. Steer by compass/observe rules of the road.
(5)	Beach boat through moderate surf and retract, singly and in assault wave formation using proper rudder and engine procedure.
(6)	Rig, use, secure anti-broaching lines. Demonstrate how to rig a broached landing craft for salvage. Proper use of engines to avoid fouling tow lines in assisting salvage boat.
(7)	Render first aid, rig stretcher slings, and use other methods of hoisting casualties.

3. Documentation

a. Members who demonstrate proficiency in practical factors and pass the written examination will be qualified as an assault boat coxswain and assigned the proper Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) code.

b. Commands are to document the qualification on the NAVPERS 1070/604 (Rev. 7-91), Enlisted Qualification History of the service record and submit NAVPERS 1221/1 (Rev. 6-92), Navy Enlisted Classification Code Change Recommendation to the Enlisted Personnel Management Center (EPMAC) (Code 52) to record/remove the NEC.

4. Requalification

a. Qualification shall continue in effect for 1 year from the date on which qualified. To avoid lapse of qualification upon expiration of 1 year, requalification may be accomplished at any time. Such requalification will supersede the previous

qualifications and shall be effective for 1 year from date of accomplishment.

b. Requirements for requalification shall be the same as for the original qualification.