

Changes of SOLAS regulations for lifesaving equipment enforced July, 2008

Subject	Description	Solas chapter
Training & drill of freefall lifeboats	<p>At least <u>every 3 months</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole crew shall board the free fall lifeboat and start launching procedures but NOT release the lifeboat • Afterwards the boat shall be freefall launched with operating crew only or • Launched by davit with/without operating crew and then maneuvered in the water. <p>At least <u>every 6 months</u> the free-fall lifeboat shall be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched by free-fall (with operating crew only) or • Simulated launched <p>→ See also MSC. 1/Circ.1206,1207</p>	III/19.3.3.4
Wire falls	<p>Falls used in launching shall be inspected periodically and renewed when necessary or at least every 5 years.</p> <p>→ See also MSC. 1/Circ.1206</p> <p>Requirement for turning “end-to-end” of wire falls has been removed.</p>	III/20.4
Weekly running of outboard engines	<p>For on-deck operation of outboard engines suitable water supply shall be provided.</p>	III/20.6.2
Release gears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All release gears of side launched lifeboats • All release systems of free-fall lifeboats • All release gears of rescue boats • All automatic liferaft release hooks <p>are required to be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly/monthly maintained by ships’ crew • Annually thorough examined & operational tested by service station • 5-yearly overhauled & overload test (1.1 SWL) by service station 	<p>III/20.11.2</p> <p>III/20.11.3 ^{NEW}</p>
Combined lifeboat and rescue boat	<p>Launching and recovery arrangement for lifeboat to be accepted as rescue boat must also comply with requirements for rescue boats.</p>	<p>III/21.2.3</p> <p>III/31.2</p>
Training manuals	<p>Training manual on lifesaving equipment shall be written in the working language of the ship.</p>	III/35.5 ^{NEW}