

		<b>OPERATION PROCEDURES</b>
<b>27</b>	Local procedure	PROP CHANGE

- Having decided that a prop needs to be changed the helm should instruct two crew to perform the task
- The sea anchor should be deployed. (if conditions require / allow)
- The engine with prop to be changed should be turned off and trimmed to a height where the prop is accessible.
- The first crew should attach to the A-frame using a buddy line.
- The second crew selects the spanner and screwdriver from the tool kit together with a new prop with the correct orientation.
- The first crew should lie on the sponson so that they have suitable access to the prop. The second crew should pass the tools as required by the first crewman.
- The washer wings should be lifted (screwdriver) before removing the nut (spanner).
- The nut, washer and prop are then passed to the second crew. And new parts exchanged.
- The fitting procedure is the reverse of the removal.
- The second crew stows the tools and assists the first crew back into the boat.
- Care should be taken when moving near the righting bag gas cylinder.
- When the helm is satisfied with the prop change the engine can be lowered and restarted.
- The sea anchor is retrieved.