

		<b>OPERATION PROCEDURES</b>
<b>28</b>		SPONSON REPAIR

- In the event that a sponson is ruptured and deflated. The emergency bladder can be used to re-inflate the sponson only if conditions / loading require.
- Note the lifeboat stability trials and the capability of the boat to maintain stability with damaged sponsons.
- The sponson repair cannot be practiced. All crew however, should know how to perform the procedure.
  - Take a knife and slit along the dotted line on the repair patch of the appropriate sponson section.
  - Insert the new bladder with the valve exposed.
  - Inflate using the bellows.
  - Do not over inflate, use only sufficient air to provide enough rigidity to complete the operation
- There are two emergency bladders.