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Local procedure

PUTTING CREW ASHORE

- The helm should select the crew best suited to the task required ashore.
- The helm should give clear instruction to the crewman detailing the action required of him, as time permits.
- The crew going ashore should take appropriate equipment as the task requires. If to administer first aid a decision should be made whether to take oxygen etc. in addition to the first aid kit.
- The crew going ashore should take the handheld radio and report back with an initial 'Sit Rep' as soon as possible. Call sign is 'Sidmouth Crew Ashore'.
- If putting crew ashore with 'bow to the beach' the helm should call them forward, they should maintain a clear view ahead for the helm. The helm should give a clear call when he wishes the crew to leave the boat. The crew should leave from the port side of the bow, whenever possible, and do so quickly as the helm may need to reverse away immediately if there is any surf.
- If the crew needs to swim ashore, for even a short distance, they should use the swimming line unless there is a good reason not to.
See 34 Use of swimming lines.
- In general, if crew are ashore the lifeboat should not leave the scene, except to move out of surf while waiting.
Only in exceptional circumstances should crew be left ashore.