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- In the event of a ‘Man Overboard’ (MOB) attention should be drawn to the helm with a clear loud call “Man Overboard”
- Crew should keep eye contact with the MOB and with arms straight, direct an open palmed hand in the direction of the MOB.
- The navigator should immediately press the MOB on the chartplotter, which will place a MOB icon on the screen showing the bearing and range back to the MOB position.
- The helmsman should initiate standard MOB recovery manoeuvres.
- The helm should see the pointing arms of the crew as he begins to approach the MOB.
- Helm should then call a crew member forward to take position in the bow section. The crewman should keep low so not to obstruct his helm’s vision.
- The helm will alter his course depending on the wind and sea conditions so that the boat approaches into the wind or with it slightly to the starboard side and will generally recover the MOB on the port side.
- At the last moment the engines are put into neutral. They are not to be switched off.
- As the MOB nears the crew takes hold on a grab handle and leans out to the MOB giving a loud call of “hands on” when taking grip of the MOB.
- The MOB is brought back towards the stern and assisted by a crewmate who together position the MOB with back to the lifeboat.
- On three, lift together to recover MOB. Call again “Onboard” so that the helm can re-engage engines and proceed.