

Personnel transfer using MOB boats at open sea

Transport off personnel between vessels in open seas using MOB boats entails risk for personnel who are not trained in such operations. With the exception of crew changes (vessel crew) on standby vessels, where transfer using MOB boats is a planned part of the training activities of the crew, personnel transfer using MOB boats in open seas must therefore be limited to situations where there are weighty operational or personal considerations. Transfer may only take place following prior application to Equinor Marin (opcse@equinor.com) and if the following criteria are met:

- The person(s) to be transferred must give their consent.
- The person(s) must have completed safety training in accordance with the NOROG guidelines for safety and emergency preparedness training (ref. NOROG 002) or equivalent.
- A safe job analysis (SJA) must be conducted before the transfer is carried out, and the masters of both vessels involved must accept the procedure.
- Both vessels must be under contract to Equinor.
- The transfer must take place in daylight unless transfer during darkness is a planned training element.
- The weather conditions must be such that the transfer can be carried out in a safe, efficient manner.

When transferring vessel crew members, the procedure is agreed between the vessels involved.

The following are examples of weighty operational or personal considerations:

- A standby vessel must replace/exchange crew members as a result of unplanned/undesirable changes made on crew change day (as a result of illness, etc.) and/or necessary training of crew members in critical positions (master/first officer, etc.).
- Transfer of service personnel / third party personnel if the alternative of taking the vessel to land is not considered expedient.
- Serious illness or death among the next of kin to a member of the crew.