



POLAR CODE



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Part I-A/Chapter 8: Revised Interim Guidelines on Life-Saving Appliances

While necessary for all vessels, life-saving appliances for vessels operating in polar waters must be able to perform well under extreme conditions to allow adequate time for rescue.

Updates to the “Interim Guidelines on Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements for Ships Operating in Polar Waters” were adopted to provide a methodology for estimating the maximum expected time for rescue by determining resources needed to support survival after abandoning ship.

This time duration will affect the type and amount of survival equipment and supplies to be provided.

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In addition to rescue time, life-saving appliances designed for ships operating in polar waters must also consider:

- Operation in low air temperature
- Operation in ice
- Icing of the life-saving appliances/arrangements
- Effects of operation in high latitudes
- Operation in extended periods of darkness
- Abandonment onto ice or land

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