1. **PURPOSE**
   
   To provide a procedure for crew response to a Man Overboard emergency.

2. **SCOPE**

   This procedure applies to all personnel embarked.

3. **RESPONSIBILITY**

   The Master is responsible for ensuring that all personnel are properly trained and fully understand this procedure.

4. **PROCEDURE**

   4.1. The person seeing someone fall overboard must throw a life ring or any other item that will help them stay afloat and try to keep them in sight.

   4.2. Make sure the bridge is informed that a person has fallen overboard and which side of the ship.

   4.3. Mate on watch will sound the alarm (3 Prolong blast) and pass the word over the PA system (MAN OVERBOARD) Alerting Rescue Boat Crew to standby to launch the Rescue Boat.

   4.4. All personnel (including science party) try to keep their eyes on the person and point to the person so others attempting to bring the person back aboard can locate them.

   4.5. A muster will be taken to determine the identity of the person in the water.

   4.6. The Master will relieve the Mate on watch who will then assist with the recovery operation as needed. The Chief Mate will supervise the recovery.

   4.7. The Master will maneuver the ship as close as is safe to the person in the water and will launch the Rescue Boat for recovery.

   4.8. If a Rescue Boat recovery is not practical, the person will be recovered from the back deck.

   4.9. Chief Mate will have a pilot ladder rigged over the side in case the individual can swim to it. If not, a swimmer with life line will be available to assist.
5. ASSIGNMENTS

5.1. Master: In charge on the bridge, relieve Mate-On-Watch, take charge of the recovery.

5.2. Mate-on-Watch:

   5.2.1. Sound the ship's whistle and general alarm for man overboard (3 Prolong blast).

   5.2.2. Announce over the PA system "Man over board (P/S) side"

   5.2.3. Press the Man Overboard (MOB) button, which marks the ship’s position, on both the Voyage Management System screen and the Simrad GPS.

   5.2.4. Place the rudder to move the stern away from the person in the water.

   5.2.5. Maneuver the ship to keep the person in the water away from the screws, close enough to stay in sight, and on a heading to reduce roll for launching the small boat.

   5.2.6. When relieved by the Master, proceed to the aft deck and assist the Chief Mate.

5.3. Able Bodied Seaman on Watch: Attempt to sight the person in the water, if located, keep in visual contact until relieved by Helmsman.

5.4. Chief Mate: In charge of the aft deck. Be prepared for a ship recovery if needed and ensuring that stokes litter and blankets are provided.

5.5. Second Mate report to bridge assist Master as needed.

5.6. Third Mate Take muster of Rescue Boat Team, Prepare the Rescue Boat for launching for recovery of the person in the water. Launch Rescue Boat when ordered by the Master.

5.7. All other Ships Crew: Aft deck; prepare for recovery as directed by the Chief Mate.

5.8. Chief Engineer Take charge of Engine Room ensure engineering plant is ready to respond to all bridge orders and report to bridge.

5.9. First Assistant Engineer report to Engine Room and assist Chief Engineer as needed.

5.10 Chief Scientist take muster of all science personnel and report to bridge via telephone or messenger.