

The working group charged with Task Statement No. 20 provides the following recommendations for consideration and approval of the MERPAC Committee:

*Item No. 1*

The USCG should not require the use of an actual ship for practical demonstrations to complete the assessment of Seafarers satisfying the requirements in Table A-V/2, Sections 1-5. See the recommendations on attached table.

*Item No. 2*

The USCG should require practical demonstrations to complete the assessment of Seafarers satisfying the requirements in Table A-V/2, Sections 1-5. See the recommendations on attached table.

*Item No. 3*

The USCG should not develop performance measures and standards for practical demonstrations to complete the assessment of Seafarers satisfying the requirements in Table A-V/2, Sections 1-5. Members believe that this responsibility should remain with the training institution. This will allow greater flexibility in achieving training and assessment objectives. The NMC still retains oversight and final approval of the training program and the assessment criteria.

*Item No. 4*

The sub-committee recommends that in addition to the minimum standards for Qualified Instructors and Designated Examiners contained in NVIC 6-97, a Qualified Instructors and Designated Examiners involved in Table A-V/2 training and assessment should:

1. Have relevant shipboard experience in conducting emergency procedures and drills.
2. Have relevant experience in leadership; stress handling, human behavior and response as well as effective communications.
3. Have relevant shipboard experience aboard Ro-Ro passenger or passenger vessels. The standard for relevant shipboard experience requirement will consist of observation or participation in a minimum of ten (10) emergency procedures and drills aboard Ro-Ro passenger or passenger vessels.