

COXSWAIN'S TRAINING



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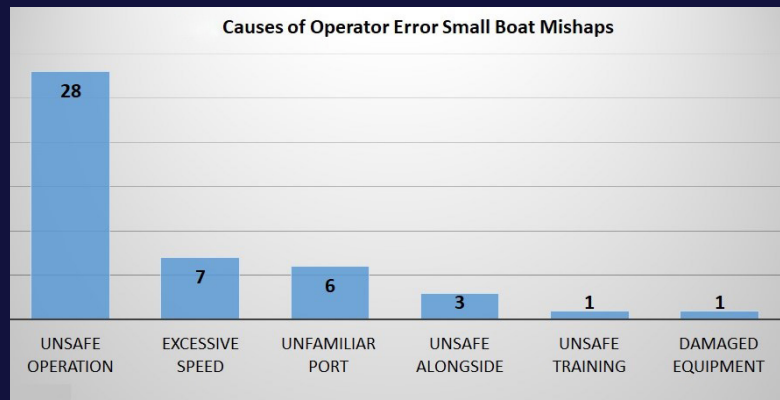
- In 2018, we tragically lost a Junior Officer assigned to USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) while conducting routine boat operations in the 5th Fleet AOR.
- Before 2018, there was no centralized lead for Coxswain training.
- The Navy previously lacked an NEC requirement for Coxswain and standardization for Training and PQS.

“To ensure all coxswains are proficient in proper RIB maneuvering including pivot turns, the RIB Coxswain Course (K-062-0625) is a prerequisite to coxswain qualifications and units are required to have four graduates per ship except on MCM and PC class ships which require two.” – Vice Adm. Roy Kitchener



RECENT MISHAPS

- 2018: Two occurrences of midshipmen thrown from RIBs.
- 2023: Harbor Patrol Unit conducting security sweeps in Bangor struck a buoy; 3 Sailors injured. Total loss - \$1.2M.
- 11-meter RIB struck a jetty in San Diego; 5 Sailors hospitalized.



EFFORTS SINCE 2018

- Establishment of SME Small Boat working group to standardize Coxswain Training and PQS September 2022.
- Center for Security Forces (CENSECFOR) designated as lead for all Coxswain Training.
- NEC Coxswain School required for qualification.
- New Basic Coxswain course pilot FY24.



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