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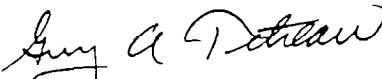
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Subj: STANDARDIZATION OF EVALUATION AND CREDITING SEA SERVICE ON
LIFTBOATS

1. During a recent meeting, liftboat operators indicated that Eighth District Regional Examination Centers (RECs) are inconsistent in their application of time-and-one-half rules to liftboat crews. This letter establishes policy for crediting sea service on these vessels.
2. While operating, liftboats are required to maintain a full crew as required by the vessel's Certificate of Inspection. Liftboats are considered to be operating both while underway and elevated. During such times, the Coast Guard expects that an active watch is being continuously maintained and that crewmembers continue to be engaged in routine watchkeeping and in conducting the normal business of the vessel.
3. Until directed otherwise, Eighth District RECs shall use the following guidance when evaluating mariner experience aboard liftboats:
 - a. Sea time shall be credited at a rate of one day for each day (8 hours) worked.
 - b. Time-and-one-half credit shall be granted when the mariner can establish that he or she works a 12 hour day in a crew position. It is the responsibility of the mariner to show that the 12 hour day consisted of normal shipboard duties relating to vessel operation and/or maintenance.


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