

General

There is a requirement in the Royal Marines for Landing Craft rates for service in :-

Training Flotillas  
 Certain Special Boat Sections  
 RN Beach Control Parties  
 Landing Craft Wing, Amphibious School RM  
 Beach Wing, Amphibious School RM

and, on mobilisation, in operational landing craft flotillas.

2. There are four standards for this specialist qualification:-

(a) IH 1 (Landing Craft Instructor)

- (i) Sub-divisional leader of minor landing craft.
- (ii) SNCO & i/c of a Watch of a Beach Control Party.
- (iii) Instructor in both minor landing craft and Beach Control duties.

(b) IH 2 (Coxswain)

- (i) Coxswain of a minor landing craft.
- (ii) i/c of a Section of a Beach Control Party.
- (iii) Assistant Instructor in either minor landing craft or Beach Control duties.

(c) IH 3 (Landing Craft Helmsman 3rd Class)

- (i) 2 i/c of a minor landing craft.
- (ii) Helmsman of smaller raiding craft.
- (iii) Members of a Beach Control Party.

(d) Deckhands

Marines who have passed a basic landing craft course.

3. All RM landing craft rates will be trained to work with Commando Units if required and a high degree of skill will be expected in both night and day landings on difficult coastlines in all weathers.

Courses

4. Qualifying courses are carried out at Amphibious School RM & Commando Training Flotilla.

5. Details of courses are as follows :-

<u>Type of Course</u>	<u>Where carried out</u>	<u>Duration</u> (weeks)	<u>Qualification</u> <u>obtained</u>
IH 1	Amphibious School RM	8	IH 1
IH 2	Amphibious School RM	8	IH 2
IH 3	Amphibious School RM & Commando Training Flotilla	6	IH 3
Basic	Amphibious School RM	4	Passed Deckhand

Documentation

6. (a) PROEM will keep a list of all ranks with IH qualifications.  
 (b) Amphibious School RM is to arrange with RM Barracks, Eastney for Part II Orders to be published in respect of ranks attaining IH qualifications.  
 (c) Results of courses will be entered on Training and Employment Sheets.

Drafting

7. In the absence of Landing Craft Flotillas abroad, landing craft rates will do their tour of foreign service at sea or in command.

(MEMO 473/50 is cancelled)

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