

# SC 144 Periodic Servicing of Launching Appliances and on-load Releasing Gear

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**SOLAS Regulation III/20.11 reads:**

11.1. *Launching appliances shall be:*

*.3. upon completion of the examination referred to in .2 subjected to a dynamic test of the winch brake at maximum lowering speed. The load to be applied shall be the mass of the survival craft or rescue boat without persons on board, except that, at intervals not exceeding five years, the test shall be carried out with a proof load equal to 1.1 times the weight of the survival craft or rescue boat and its full complement of persons and equipment.*

11.2. *Lifeboat or rescue boat on-load release gear, including free-fall lifeboat release systems, shall be:*

*.3. operationally tested under a load of 1.1 times the total mass of the boat when loaded with its full complement of persons and equipment whenever the release gear is overhauled. Such over-hauling and test shall be carried out at least once every five years.*

11.3. *Davit-launched liferaft automatic release hooks shall be:*

*.3. operationally tested under a load of 1.1 times the total mass of the liferaft when loaded with its full complement of persons and equipment whenever the automatic release hook is overhauled. Such over-hauling and test shall be carried out at least once every five years.*

## Interpretation

The thorough examinations/overhauls and tests in five year intervals shall be done in the presence of a surveyor.

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Notes:

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by all Members and Associates from 1 July 1999, unless otherwise instructed by a Flag State.
2. Changes introduced in Rev.1 are to be applied from 1 July 1999.
3. Changes introduced in Rev.2 are to be applied from 1 January 2013.

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