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RCMSAR SVOP & SDV-BS Certification

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Required Certs

Any member wishing to attend CLI or RHIOT, or become Coxswain after March 31st, 2020, must have SVOP and SDV-BS (formerly MED-A3). These are currently one-time courses and are Transport Canada certified. Pre-existing Coxswains will be grandfathered in.

Any member that holds SVOP and SDV-BS equivalent ticket or higher will meet RCMSAR minimum requirements for advancement.

Acceptable Equivalent or Higher Certifications

SDV-BS: MED-A3

SVOP: Master Limited under 60GT, Master 150GT Domestic, Master 500GT Domestic, Master 500GT Near Coastal, Master Near Coastal, Master Mariner.

Some of these tickets expire. The SAR Management System gives a six-month warning of expiring certifications. This should prompt members to start looking to recertify. Members must upload a valid certification with an image of their cert (jpeg format) onto the system once completed, in order to remain active.

NOTE: Members with expired Marine Tickets are prohibited to act in a Coxswain role while their ticket is expired.

RCMSAR stations and individual members are responsible for finding SVOP and SDV-BS training in their area. **RCMSAR Headquarters will reimburse active RCMSAR members/stations up to \$800/person for SVOP and \$200/person for SDV-BS as per the outlined requirements below***. Any additional costs are to be covered by the individual member or their station. Unfortunately, members who already held SVOP/SDV-BS certification before these certs were reintroduced to the training regime are not eligible for reimbursement.

*Reimbursement Requirements/Process

Members/stations must pay for SVOP and SDV-BS certifications up front, but may be eligible for reimbursement by HQ based on the following criteria:

- Member has been approved for CLI/RHIOT by station and HQ
- Member has successfully completed the Coxswain Leadership program or begun the Coxswain leadership training stream (ie. passed RHIOT/CLI, CLII-B or equivalents)
- Member is active and in good standing (minimum of 30 hours sea-time)
- Member has successfully completed the SVOP and SDV-BS course and provide copy of certificate to HQ