M/Y Example

MEDEVAC/ HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

SAMPLE ONLY - NOT FOR OPERATIONAL USE - TECHNICAL REVIEW REQUIRED

PURPOSE

Use this page when preparing for helicopter operations, casualty transfer, or MEDEVAC support. The captain remains in command and external aircraft instructions take priority once contact is established.

STATIC DISCHARGE WARNING

Do not touch the winch line, tether line, hook, basket, stretcher strop, or any suspended equipment until it has touched the deck and fully grounded. No crew member is to handle the line or equipment until instructed it is safe to do so.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Inform the captain and establish communication with the aircraft / coordinating authority.
- Nominate a deck team lead, medical lead, and communications lead.
- Confirm pickup method advised: hoist, winch, basket, or transfer by other means.
- Muster only essential crew in the operating area and keep guests clear.
- Prepare casualty notes, observations, passport / ID if required, and medication already given.

SAFETY RULES

- Follow aircraft crew instructions exactly.
- Wear suitable PPE and secure hats, gloves, and loose clothing.
- No one approaches the aircraft or hoist area unless instructed.
- Keep all persons clear of the casualty transfer path and rotor / downwash area.
- Never attach or detach lifting equipment until the line has grounded and instructions are given.

DECK PREPARATION

- Clear loose gear, covers, cushions, towels, lines, and lightweight equipment.
- Secure antennas, awnings, umbrellas, flags, and any item that could blow loose.
- The deck must remain dry, clear, and non-slip.
- Rig adequate lighting for night operations without shining lights at the aircraft.
- Identify a safe route from casualty location to transfer point and keep it clear.

CASUALTY TRANSFER

- Package the casualty as directed, including stretcher straps, blankets, and paperwork.
- Remove or secure loose items on the casualty and stretcher.
- Continue oxygen / monitoring only if safe and compatible with transfer instructions.
- Brief the receiving team with injury, treatment given, observations, allergies, and deterioration risks.
- After transfer, account for all crew, secure the deck, and record the operation.

COMMUNICATIONS CHECK

- Vessel name, call sign, and position.
- Weather, wind direction / speed, visibility, sea state, and deck condition.
- Number of persons involved and whether the casualty is packaged for transfer.
- Preferred transfer side / area as directed by the captain and aircraft crew.
- Any obstructions, masts, antennas, rigging, or hazards affecting the operation.

If conditions change or the aircraft crew are unhappy with the deck setup, stop and re-brief before continuing.