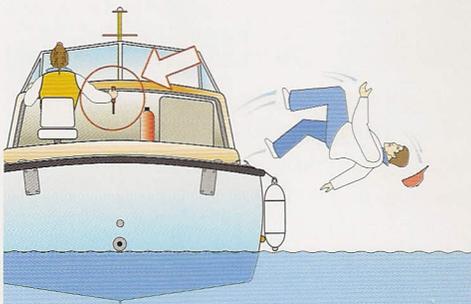
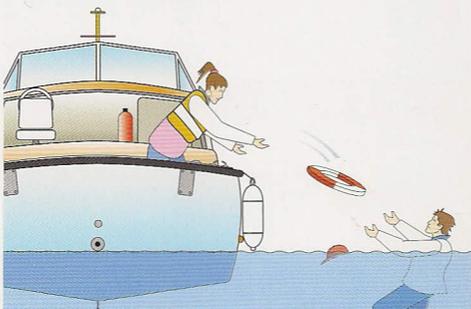


On canals

- If someone falls overboard, think before you act. Do not jump in yourself or let anyone else do so.
- Put the engine into neutral to stop the prop.



- Do not reverse back to the MOB, they could get sucked into the prop.
- Throw a lifebelt to the MOB.

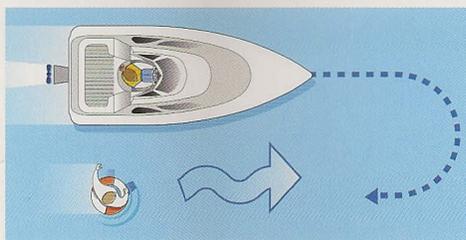


- Tell them to try and stand up. Canals are quite shallow, especially at the edges, so they may be able to wade to the bank.
- Head the boat for the bank and get someone off the boat to help the MOB climb out of the water.

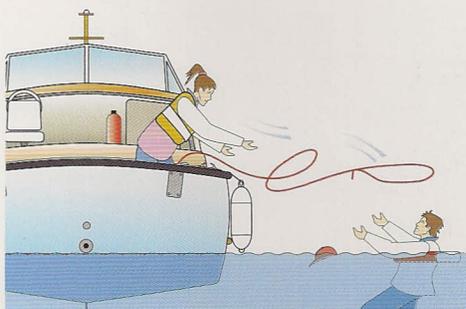
On wide rivers and deeper canals

If the MOB cannot stand up:

- Throw a lifebelt to the MOB.
- Proceed past the MOB, keeping the boat's stern well away from them.
- Turn the boat round and approach the MOB very slowly up into the current.



- Put the engine in neutral. You and the MOB will both drift at the same speed on a river.



- Throw the MOB a line with a large bowline at the end (see page 21).
- Tell the MOB to put the rope over his head and under his armpits.
- Pull the MOB to the side of the boat and help them aboard.

In any MOB situation you need to act quickly. If you go through the drill with the crew before you set off, everyone will know what to do and when. Make sure that all the crew know where the safety equipment is kept and know how to use it.

Weil's Disease

Although the risk of infection is small, it is sensible to take the following precautions after falling in:

- Take a shower
- Wash all cuts and abrasions and treat with a sterile dressing
- Wash wet clothing thoroughly before further use
- If flu-like symptoms develop within two weeks, see a doctor. Tell him that you fell in the canal/river.