while underway, all persons not connected with the navigation of the vessel. However, licensed officers of vessels, persons regularly engaged in training, regulating, evaluating, or learning the profession of pilot, officials of the United States Coast Guard, United States Navy, National Imagery and Mapping Agency, National Ocean Service, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Maritime Administration, and National Transportation Safety Board may be allowed in the pilothouse or upon the navigation bridge upon the responsibility of the master or pilot.


Subpart 97.11—Stability Letter

§ 97.11–1 Posting.

If a stability letter is issued under §170.120 of this chapter, it must be posted under glass or other suitable transparent material in the pilothouse of the vessel.

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Subpart 97.12—Cargo Stowage

§ 97.12–1 Bulk ores and similar cargoes.

(a) The owners or operators of general cargo vessels which carry bulk cargoes such as ore, ore concentrates, and similar cargoes shall furnish to the masters of such vessels guidance information pertaining to the safe stowage of such cargoes.

§ 97.12–5 Manual.

The manual on the “Stowage of Bulk Cargoes Such as Ore, Ore Concentrates, and Similar Cargoes when carried in General Cargo Vessels,” 1966,¹ printed and distributed by the National Cargo Bureau, Inc., 17 Battery Place, Suite 1232, New York, NY 10004–1207 (telephone: 212–785–8300; fax: 212–785–8333; or e-mail: helpdesk@natcargo.org), is endorsed and recognized by the Coast Guard for use in compliance with the requirements of §97.12–1(a).


Subpart 97.13—Station Bills

§ 97.13–1 Muster lists, emergency signals, and manning.

The requirements for muster lists, emergency signals, and manning must be in accordance with subchapter W (Lifesaving Appliances and Arrangements) of this chapter.

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Subpart 97.15—Tests, Drills, and Inspections

§ 97.15–1 Application.

(a) Except as specifically noted, the provisions of this subpart shall apply to all vessels other than motorboats, and to all motorboats on an international voyage. Motorboats not on an international voyage shall meet the general intent of this subpart insofar as is reasonable and practicable with the exception that the logging of information is not required.

§ 97.15–3 Steering gear, whistle, and means of communication.

(a) On all vessels making a voyage of more than 48 hours’ duration, the entire steering gear, the whistle, and the means of communication between the bridge or pilothouse and the engineroom shall be examined and tested by an officer of the vessel within a period of not more than 12 hours prior to departure. On all other vessels similar examinations and tests shall be made at least once in every week.

(b) The date of the test and the condition of the equipment shall be noted in the official logbook.

§ 97.15–5 Drafts and load line markings.

(a) The master of every vessel on an ocean, coastwise, or Great Lakes voyage shall enter the drafts of the vessel, forward and aft, in the official logbook when leaving port.

¹Copies of this manual are on file at Coast Guard Headquarters and with the various Coast Guard District Commanders for reference purposes.