§ 35.20–10 Steering gear test—T/ALL.

On all tankships making voyages of more than 48 hours’ duration, the entire steering gear, the whistle, the means of communication, and the signaling appliances between the bridge or pilothouse and engine room shall be examined and tested by a licensed officer of the vessel within a period of not more than 12 hours before leaving port. All such vessels making voyages of less than 48 hours’ duration or operating on lakes, bays, sounds, and rivers shall be so examined and tested at least once in every week. The fact and time of such examination and test shall be recorded in the ship’s logbook.

§ 35.20–20 Master’s and officer’s responsibility—TB/ALL.

Nothing in this part shall exonerate any master or officer in command from the consequences of any neglect to keep a proper lookout or the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen or by the special circumstances of the case.

§ 35.20–30 Flashing the rays of a searchlight or other blinding light—T/ALL.

No person shall flash, or cause to be flashed, the rays of a search light or other blinding light onto the bridge or into the pilothouse of any vessel under way.

§ 35.20–35 Whistling—T/ALL.

The unnecessary sounding of a vessel’s whistle is prohibited within any harbor limits of the United States.

§ 35.20–40 Maneuvering characteristics—T/OC.

For each ocean and coastwise tankship of 1,600 gross tons or over, the following apply:

(a) The following maneuvering information must be prominently displayed in the pilothouse on a fact sheet:

(1) For full and half speed, a turning circle diagram to port and starboard that shows the time and the distance of advance and transfer required to alter the course 90 degrees with maximum rudder angle and constant power settings.

(2) The time and distance to stop the vessel from full and half speed while maintaining approximately the initial heading with minimum application of rudder.

(3) For each vessel with a fixed propeller, a table of shaft revolutions per minute for a representative range of speeds.

(4) For each vessel with a controllable pitch propeller a table of control settings for a representative range of speeds.

(5) For each vessel that is fitted with an auxiliary device to assist in maneuvering, such as a bow thruster, a table of vessel speeds at which the auxiliary device is effective in maneuvering the vessel.

(b) The maneuvering information must be provided for the normal load and normal ballast condition for:

(1) Calm weather—wind 10 knots or less, calm sea;

(2) No current;