

**§ 169.731**

switch in the pilothouse, clearly and permanently identified by lettering on a metal plate or with a sign in red letters on a suitable background: "GENERAL ALARM"

**§ 169.731 General alarm bells.**

On vessels of 100 gross tons and over each general alarm bell must be identified by red lettering at least ½ inch high: "GENERAL ALARM—WHEN BELL RINGS GO TO YOUR STATION."

**§ 169.732 Carbon dioxide alarm.**

Each carbon dioxide alarm must be conspicuously identified: "WHEN ALARM SOUNDS—VACATE AT ONCE. CARBON DIOXIDE BEING RE-LEASED."

**§ 169.733 Fire extinguishing branch lines.**

Each branch line valve of every fire extinguishing system must be plainly and permanently marked indicating the spaces served.

**§ 169.734 Fire extinguishing system controls.**

Each control cabinet or space containing valves or manifolds for the various fire extinguishing systems must be distinctly marked in conspicuous red letters at least 2 inches high: "CARBON DIOXIDE FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM," or "HALON FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM," as appropriate.

**§ 169.735 Fire hose stations.**

Each fire hydrant must be identified in red letters and figures at least two inches high "FIRE STATION NO. 1," "2," "3," etc. Where the hose is not stowed in the open or readily seen behind glass, this identification must be placed so as to be readily seen from a distance.

**§ 169.736 Self-contained breathing apparatus.**

Each locker or space containing self-contained breathing apparatus must be marked "SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS."

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**§ 169.737 Hand portable fire extinguishers.**

Each hand portable fire extinguisher must be marked with a number, and the location where it is stowed must be marked with a corresponding number. The marks must be at least ½ inch high. Where only one type and size of hand portable fire extinguisher is carried, the numbering may be omitted.

**§ 169.738 Emergency lights.**

Each emergency light must be marked with a letter "E" at least ½ inch high.

**§ 169.739 Lifeboats.**

(a) The name and port of the vessel marked on its stern as required by § 67.15 of this chapter must be plainly marked or painted on each side of the bow of each lifeboat in letters not less than 3 inches high.

(b) Each lifeboat must have its number plainly marked or painted on each side of the bow in figures not less than 3 inches high. The lifeboats on each side of the vessel must be numbered from forward aft, with the odd numbers on the starboard side.

(c) The cubical contents and number of persons allowed to be carried in each lifeboat must be plainly marked or painted on each side of the bow of the lifeboat in letters and numbers not less than 1½ inches high. In addition, the number of persons allowed must be plainly marked or painted on top of at least 2 thwarts in letters and numbers not less than 3 inches high.

(d) Each oar must be conspicuously marked with the vessel's name.

(e) Where mechanical disengaging apparatus is used, the control effecting the release of the lifeboat must be painted bright red and must have thereon in raised letters either the words—"DANGER-LEVER DROPS BOAT", or the words—"DANGER-LEVER RELEASES HOOKS".

(f) The top of thwarts, side benches and footings of lifeboats must be painted or otherwise colored international orange. The area in way of the red mechanical disengaging gear control lever, from the keel to the side bench, must be painted or otherwise colored white, to provide a contrasting background for the lever. This band of