§ 173.052 Civilian nautical school ships.

Each civilian nautical school ship must comply with part 171 of this subchapter as though it were a passenger vessel. In addition to regular passengers, for the purpose of complying with part 171, the following will also count as passengers:

(a) A student.
(b) A cadet.
(c) An instructor who is not also a member of the crew.

§ 173.053 Sailing school vessels.

(a) In addition to the requirements in §§173.054 through 173.063, each sailing school vessel must comply with the provisions of subpart A of part 171 of this subchapter.

(b) In addition to regular passengers, for the purposes of complying with §§171.070 through 171.073 and §171.080, the following will also be counted as passengers:

(1) Sailing school students.
(2) Sailing school instructors.
(3) Guests.

§ 173.054 Watertight subdivision and damage stability standards for new sailing school vessels.

(a) Each new sailing school vessel which has a mean length greater than 75 feet (22.8 meters) or which carries more than 30 persons must comply with—

(1) Section 179.210(a) of this chapter;
(2) Sections 171.070 through 171.073; and
(3) Section 171.080 for Type II subdivision and damage stability.

(b) Each new sailing school vessel which has a mean length of 75 feet (22.8 meters) or less and carries more than 30 persons must comply with either—

(1) Section 179.210(a) of this chapter and §179.220 of this chapter; or
(2) Section 171.040(a)(1), §§171.070 through 171.073, and §171.080.

(c) Each new sailing school vessel which does not carry more than 30 persons must have a collision bulkhead unless it has a mean length less than 40 feet (12.2 meters) and is certificated for protected or partially protected waters service only.

§ 173.055 Watertight subdivision and damage stability standards for existing sailing school vessels.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, an existing sailing school vessel which carries more than 49 persons must be fitted with a collision bulkhead and any additional bulkheads necessary to provide one compartment subdivision.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, an existing sailing school vessel which has a mean length greater than 65 feet (19.8 meters), must be fitted with additional transverse watertight bulkheads necessary to provide one compartment subdivision, when the following Subdivision Numerals are exceeded:

(1) For vessels to be operated on Exposed Waters: $L \times N > 4000$

(2) For vessels to be operated on Partially Protected Waters: $L \times N > 4500$

(3) For vessels to be operated on Protected Waters: $L \times N > 5000$

where $L$ is the mean length and $N$ is the number of persons on board.

(c) An existing sailing school vessel which is required to meet a one compartment subdivision standard and has a mean length of 90 feet (27.4 meters) or less may, instead of one compartment subdivision, be fitted with a collision bulkhead and sufficient air tankage or other internal buoyancy to maintain the fully-loaded vessel afloat with positive stability in the flooded condition.

(d) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this section, an existing sailing school vessel which has a mean length greater than 65 feet (19.8 meters) must be fitted with a collision bulkhead.

(e) On an existing sailing school vessel, operating on protected waters, which has a mean length of 90 feet (27.4 meters) or less with no other requirement for subdivision, the collision bulkhead may be omitted.