Great Lakes, such vessels are also subject to requirements in part 45 of this subchapter while on the Great Lakes. See §45.9 of this subchapter for load line marks used by such vessels.

(c) For Great Lakes vessels operating solely on Great Lakes voyages, the requirements for the applicable load line marks are in part 45 of this subchapter. Great Lakes vessels when making other international or unlimited coastwise voyages shall comply with the applicable requirements in parts 42, 44, and 45 of this subchapter.

(d) For coastwise steam colliers, barges, and self-propelled barges in special services, the requirements for the applicable load line marks are in part 44 of this subchapter. These requirements also include certain regulations governing such vessels when they additionally engage in Great Lakes voyages, international voyages or unlimited coastwise voyages. Load line requirements in this part 42 also apply to such vessels when engaged on international or unlimited coastwise voyages.

(e) Existing U.S.-flag vessels, as defined in §42.05–30(a) of this chapter, engaged in international or coastwise voyages, may retain the load line assigned under previous regulations, provided:

(1) The vessel has not been assigned a reduced freeboard under the regulations in this part 42, and

(2) The form of the load line certificate issued to and carried on board the vessel conforms to the requirements of subpart 42.50 of this part or §44.05–35 or §46.10–30 of this chapter.

(f) This part applies to foreign vessels of countries—

(1) Signatory to or adhering to the 1966 Convention;

(2) Adhering to the 1930 Convention and not adhering to the 1966 Convention, or;

(3) Not adhering to either the 1930 Convention or the 1966 Convention but subject to the load line acts.


§42.07–5 Marks placed on vessel to indicate load lines.

(a) Load line marks to indicate the maximum amidship’s draft to which a vessel can be lawfully submerged, in the various circumstances and seasons, shall be permanently marked on each side of the vessel in the form, manner, and location as required by this subchapter.

(b) The load line marks placed on a vessel shall be attested to by a valid load line certificate as required by §42.07–45(b). The issuing authority shall not deliver any required load line certificate to the vessel until after its surveyor has ascertained that the vessel meets the applicable survey requirements and the correct placement of the marks on the vessel’s sides has been confirmed.

(c) The requirements for load line marks apply to all new and existing vessels as specified in §§42.03–5 and 42.03–10, except when a vessel has been issued a load line exemption certificate in lieu of a load line certificate.

[CGFR 68–60, 33 FR 10552, July 12, 1968, as amended by CGFR 68–126, 34 FR 9012, June 5, 1969]

§42.07–10 Submergence of load line marks.

(a) Except as provided otherwise in this section, vessels of the types described in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this section shall not be so loaded as to submerge at any time when departing for a voyage by sea, or on the Great Lakes, or during the voyage, or on arrival, the applicable load lines marked on the sides of the vessel for the season of the year and the zone or area in which the vessel may be operating.

(1) Merchant vessels of 150 gross tons or over, as described in §42.03–5 or §42.03–10, and on voyages subject to 46 U.S.C. 5101–5116.

(2) All new vessels of 79 feet or over in length on voyages subject to the 1966 Convention.

(3) All vessels of 150 gross tons or over, other than merchant vessels covered by paragraph (a)(1) of this section, on voyages subject to the 1966 Convention.

(b) When loading a vessel in a favorable zone for a voyage on which the
§ 42.07–15 Zones and seasonal areas.

(a) A vessel subject to 46 U.S.C. 5101–5116 or the 1966 Convention shall comply, as applicable, with the requirements regarding the zones and seasonal areas described in subpart 42.30.

(b) A port located on the boundary line between two zones or areas shall be regarded as within the zone or seasonal area from or into which the vessel arrives or departs.

§ 42.07–20 Logbook entries.

(a) As described in §3.13–35 of Subchapter A (Procedures Applicable to the Public) of this chapter, official logbooks (Form CG–706–C), are furnished free to certain vessels, and after they have served their purpose they are filed with the applicable Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

(b) The master shall be responsible for having entered in the vessel’s “official logbook” if carried, otherwise in his own log considered as its official logbook, the data required by section 6 of the load line acts. These logbooks entries shall be made before a vessel departs from her loading port or place and consist of:

1. A statement of the load line marks applicable to the voyage; and,

2. A statement of the position of the load line marks, port and starboard, at the time of departing from a port or place; i.e., the distance in inches of the water surface above or below the applicable load line; and,

3. The actual draft of the vessel, forward and aft, as nearly as the same can be ascertained, at the time of departing from a port or place.

(c) Where the master uses his own log, it shall be kept by the master or owner for 1 year after the actions noted therein have been completed and upon request shall be furnished to any load line enforcement officer.

§ 42.07–25 Approval of the Commandant.

(a) Where the requirements in this subchapter state that the approval of the Commandant is necessary, the owner or his agent shall furnish all information necessary, including background material, and/or final plans, calculations, and conclusions reached, as will enable the Commandant to obtain a comprehensive understanding of and reach a decision relative to the question or problem at issue prior to proceeding with the work. All information, plans and calculations submitted will remain with the Commandant as a part of the record on the vessel.

(b) If the owner or his agent desires to have information, plans, and calculations returned with Commandant’s actions noted thereon, or if distribution of such information is necessary or required by regulations in this subchapter to owners, masters of vessels, etc., then the owner or his agent shall furnish multiple copies of the information as required.