
The master or person in charge shall ensure that tables indicating the maximum safe working loads for the various working angles of the boom, where the boom is rated at varying capacities depending on the radius, and the maximum and minimum radius at which the boom may be safely used, are conspicuously posted near the controls and are visible to the operator when working the crane.


(a) The master or person in charge shall designate, in writing, each crane operator.

(b) The master or person in charge shall ensure that only designated operators operate cranes.

(c) The master or person in charge shall ensure that each designated operator is familiar with the provisions of the API Recommended Practice for Operation and Maintenance of Offshore Cranes, API RP 2D, First Edition (Oct. 1972) with supplement 1.

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§ 109.555 Propulsion boilers.

The master or person in charge and the engineer in charge shall ensure that—

(a) Steam pressure does not exceed that allowed by the certificate of inspection; and

(b) The safety valves, once set, are not tampered with or made inoperative.


§ 109.557 Flammable and combustible liquids: Carriage.

The master or person in charge shall ensure that—

(a) Flammable and combustible liquids in bulk are not carried, except as allowed by endorsement to the Certificate of Inspection;

(b) Portable tanks are handled and stowed in accordance with subparts 98.30 and 98.33 of this chapter and the provisions of 49 CFR parts 171 through 179 that apply to portable tanks; and

(c) Grades B and lower liquids are—

(1) Authorized, by the Commandant, to be carried; and

(2) Carried only in fixed independent or integral tanks.


§ 109.559 Explosives and radioactive materials.

Except as authorized by the master or person in charge, no person may use explosives or radioactive materials and equipment on a unit.

§ 109.563 Posting of documents.

The master or person in charge shall ensure that the following are posted under glass in the pilot house or control center:

(a) General arrangement plans for each deck showing—

(1) Each fire retardant bulkhead;

(2) Each fire detecting, manual alarm, and fire extinguishing system;

(3) Each fire door;

(4) Each means of ingress to compartments; and

(5) Each ventilating system, including the location of each damper, fan, and remote means of stopping the fans.

(b) The stability letter issued by the Coast Guard.

(c) Each SOLAS and Coast Guard certificate issued to the unit.


§ 109.564 Maneuvering characteristics.

(a) The master or person in charge of each self-propelled unit of 1,600 gross tons and over shall ensure that a maneuvering information fact sheet is prominently displayed in the pilot house.
(b) For surface type units, the maneuvering information in Subpart 97.19 of this chapter must be displayed.
(c) The maneuvering information requirements for column stabilized, self-elevating, and other units of unusual design will be specified on a case by case basis.

§ 109.565 Charts and nautical publications.

The master or person in charge of a self-propelled unit shall ensure that the unit has the following adequate, up to date, and appropriate items for the intended voyage:

(a) Charts.
(b) Sailing directions.
(c) Light lists.
(d) Coast pilots.
(e) Notices to mariners.
(f) Tide Tables.
(g) Current Tables.
(h) All other nautical publications necessary.¹

§ 109.573 Riveting, welding, and burning operations.

Except as allowed by this section—
(a) The master or person in charge shall ensure that there is no riveting, welding, or burning—
(1) In a fuel tank;
(2) On the boundary of a fuel tank;
(3) On pipelines, heating coils, pumps, fittings, or other appurtenances connected to fuel tanks; or
(4) On the boundary of spaces adjacent to tanks carrying Grades A, B, or C flammable liquids in bulk.
(b) The operations prohibited in paragraph (a) of this section may be allowed if—
(1) An inspection conducted in accordance with the “Standard for the Control of Gas Hazards on Vessels to be Repaired,” N.F.P.A. No. 306–1974, is made—
(A) In ports or navigable waters of the United States, its territories and possessions, by—
(1) A marine chemist certified by the National Fire Protection Association; or
(B) If a certified marine chemist is not available, a person designated by
the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection; or
(2) In all other locations by—
(i) A marine chemist certified by the National Fire Protection Association; or
(ii) A certified marine chemist is not available, a person designated by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection; or
(C) If the persons required in paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) (A) and (B) of this section are not available, the master or person in charge; or a welding supervisor designated, in writing, by the master or person in charge; and
(2) A certificate is issued by the person conducting the inspection stating—
(i) That he conducted the inspection in accordance with the standard in paragraph (b)(1) of this section;
(ii) The operations that may be conducted; and
(iii) A list of precautions to be followed during the operations;
(c) The master or person in charge shall ensure that the precautions in paragraph (b)(2)(iii) of this section are followed.

§ 109.575 Accumulation of liquids on helicopter decks.

The master or person in charge shall ensure that no liquids are allowed to accumulate on the helicopter decks.

§ 109.577 Helicopter fueling.

(a) The master or person in charge shall designate persons to conduct helicopter fueling operations.
(b) Portable tanks are handled and stowed in accordance with subparts 98.30 and 98.33 of this chapter and the provisions of 49 CFR parts 171 through 179 that apply to portable tanks; and


§ 109.585 Use of auto pilot.

Except as provided in 33 CFR 164.15, when the automatic pilot is used in areas of high traffic density, conditions of restricted visibility, and all other hazardous navigational situations, the master or person in charge shall ensure that—
(a) It is possible to immediately establish manual control of the unit’s steering:

¹NOTE: For U.S. units in or on the navigable waters of the United States. See 33 CFR 164.33.