THE AREA BEFORE ENTERING. A HIGH CONCENTRATION CAN OCCUR IN THIS AREA AND CAN CAUSE SUF-FOCATION.”.

(2) Spaces protected by carbon dioxide—“CARBON DIOXIDE GAS CAN CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH. WHEN ALARM OPERATES OR WINTERGREEN SCENT IS DETECTED, DO NOT ENTER UNTIL VENTILATED. LOCK OUT SYSTEM WHEN SERV- ICING.” The reference to wintergreen scent may be omitted for carbon dioxide systems not required to have odor- izing units and not equipped with such units.

(3) Spaces into which carbon dioxide might migrate—“CARBON DIOXIDE GAS CAN CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH. DISCHARGE INTO NEARBY SPACE CAN COLLECT HERE. WHEN ALARM OPERATES OR WINTERGREEN SCENT IS DETECTED VACATE IM- MEDIATELY.” The reference to wintergreen scent may be omitted for car- bon dioxide systems not required to have odorizing units and not equipped with such units.


§ 122.614 Portable watertight con- tainers for distress flares and smoke signals.

Portable watertight containers for distress flares and smoke signals shall be of a bright color, and containers shall be clearly marked in legible contrasting letters at least 12.7 millimeters (0.5 inches) high: “DISTRESS SIG- NALS”.

Subpart G—Operational Readi- ness, Maintenance, and In- spection of Lifesaving Equip- ment

§ 122.700 Operational readiness.

(a) Each launching appliance and each survival craft and rescue boat on a vessel must be in good working order and ready for immediately use before the vessel leaves port and at all times when the vessel is underway.

(b) Each deck where survival craft or rescue boats are stowed or boarded must be kept clear of obstructions that would interfere with the boarding and launching of the survival craft or rescue boat.

§ 122.702 Maintenance.

(a) The manufacturer’s instructions for onboard maintenance of survival craft, rescue boats, and launching ap- pliances, manufactured on or after March 11, 1996, must be onboard a ves- sel of more than 19.8 meters (65 feet) in length and readily available for a ves- sel of not more than 19.8 meters (65 feet) in length. The instructions must also be readily available at each in- spection for certification and reinspec- tion.

(b) The owner or managing operator shall ensure that maintenance is car- ried out in accordance with the in- structions required under paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) The cognizant OCMI may accept, instead of the instructions required under paragraph (a) of this section, a shipboard planned maintenance pro- gram that includes the items listed in that paragraph.

(d) The inspection and maintenance of the equipment listed in paragraph (a) of this section shall be logged or otherwise documented for review by the Coast Guard upon request.


§ 122.704 Maintenance of falls.

(a) Each fall used in a launching ap- pliance on a vessel must be turned end for end at intervals of not more than 30 months.

(b) Each fall must be renewed when necessary due to deterioration or at internals of not more than 5 years, whichever is earlier.

(c) Each fall must have a corrosion resistant tag with the following perma- nently marked on it in clearly legible letters:

(1) The date the new fall was in- stalled; and

(2) If the fall has been turned end for end, the date it was turned.