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§ 26.09 List of exemptions.

(a) All vessels navigating on those waters governed by the navigation rules for Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters (33 U.S.C. 241 *et seq.*) are exempt from the requirements of the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and this part until May 6, 1975.

(b) Each vessel navigating on the Great Lakes as defined in the Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980 (33 U.S.C. 2001 *et seq.*) and to which the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act (33 U.S.C. 1201–1208) applies is exempt from the requirements in 33 U.S.C. 1203, 1204, and 1205 and the regulations under §§ 26.03, 26.04, 26.05, 26.06, and 26.07. Each of these vessels and each person to whom 33 U.S.C. 1208(a) applies must comply with Articles VII, X, XI, XII, XIII, XV, and XVI and Technical Regulations 1–9 of “The Agreement Between the United States of America and Canada for Promotion of Safety on the Great Lakes by Means of Radio, 1973.”

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PART 27—ADJUSTMENT OF CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES FOR INFLATION

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§ 27.3 Penalty adjustment table.

Table 1 identifies the statutes administered by the Coast Guard that authorize a civil monetary penalty. The “adjusted maximum penalty” is the maximum penalty authorized by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, as determined by the Coast Guard. The adjusted civil penalty amounts listed in Table 1 to this section are applicable for penalty assessments issued after January 2, 2025, with respect to violations occurring after November 2, 2015. The applicable civil penalty amounts for violations occurring on or before November 2, 2015, are set forth in previously published regulations amending this part.

TABLE 1 TO § 27.3—CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS

U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2025 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
14 U.S.C. 521(c)	Saving Life and Property	\$13,295
14 U.S.C. 521(e)	Saving Life and Property; Intentional Interference with Broadcast	1,365
14 U.S.C. 936(i)	Confidentiality of Medical Quality Assurance Records (first offense)	6,677
14 U.S.C. 936(i)	Confidentiality of Medical Quality Assurance Records (subsequent offenses) ..	44,521
19 U.S.C. 70	Obstruction of Revenue Officers by Masters of Vessels	9,956
19 U.S.C. 70	Obstruction of Revenue Officers by Masters of Vessels—Minimum Penalty	2,323
19 U.S.C. 1581(d)	Failure to Stop Vessel When Directed; Master, Owner, Operator or Person in Charge ¹	5,000
19 U.S.C. 1581(d)	Failure to Stop Vessel When Directed; Master, Owner, Operator or Person in Charge—Minimum Penalty ¹	1,000
33 U.S.C. 471	Anchorage Ground/Harbor Regulations General	14,435
33 U.S.C. 474	Anchorage Ground/Harbor Regulations St. Mary's River	996
33 U.S.C. 495(b)	Bridges/Failure to Comply with Regulations	36,439
33 U.S.C. 499(c)	Bridges/Drawbridges	36,439
33 U.S.C. 502(c)	Bridges/Failure to Alter Bridge Obstructing Navigation	36,439
33 U.S.C. 533(b)	Bridges/Maintenance and Operation	36,439
33 U.S.C. 1208(a)	Bridge to Bridge Communication; Master, Person in Charge or Pilot	2,654
33 U.S.C. 1208(b)	Bridge to Bridge Communication; Vessel	2,654
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(i)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class I per violation)	23,647
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(i)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class I total under paragraph)	59,114
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class II per day of violation)	23,647
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(iii)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class II total under paragraph)	295,564

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U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2025 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(A) ..	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (per day of violation) Judicial Assessment.	59,114
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(A) ..	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (per barrel of oil or unit discharged) Judicial Assessment.	2,365
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(B) ..	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Failure to Carry Out Removal/Comply With Order (Judicial Assessment).	59,114
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(C) ..	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Failure to Comply with Regulation Issued Under 1321(j) (Judicial Assessment).	59,114
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(D) ..	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges, Gross Negligence (per barrel of oil or unit discharged) Judicial Assessment.	7,093
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(D) ..	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges, Gross Negligence—Minimum Penalty (Judicial Assessment).	236,451
33 U.S.C. 1322(j)	Marine Sanitation Devices; Operating	9,956
33 U.S.C. 1322(j)	Marine Sanitation Devices; Sale or Manufacture	26,543
33 U.S.C. 1608(a)	International Navigation Rules; Operator	18,610
33 U.S.C. 1608(b)	International Navigation Rules; Vessel	18,610
33 U.S.C. 1908(b)(1)	Pollution from Ships; General	93,058
33 U.S.C. 1908(b)(2)	Pollution from Ships; False Statement	18,610
33 U.S.C. 2072(a)	Inland Navigation Rules; Operator	18,610
33 U.S.C. 2072(b)	Inland Navigation Rules; Vessel	18,610
33 U.S.C. 2609(a)	Shore Protection; General	65,653
33 U.S.C. 2609(b)	Shore Protection; Operating Without Permit	26,262
33 U.S.C. 2716a(a)	Oil Pollution Liability and Compensation	59,114
33 U.S.C. 3852(a)(1)(A) ..	Clean Hulls; Civil Enforcement	54,124
33 U.S.C. 3852(a)(1)(A) ..	Clean Hulls; related to false statements	72,164
33 U.S.C. 3852(c)	Clean Hulls; Recreational Vessels	7,217
42 U.S.C. 9609(a)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Class I)	71,545
42 U.S.C. 9609(b)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Class II)	71,545
42 U.S.C. 9609(b)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Class II subsequent offense).	214,637
42 U.S.C. 9609(c)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Judicial Assessment).	71,545
42 U.S.C. 9609(c)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Judicial Assessment subsequent offense).	214,637
46 U.S.C. 80509(a)	Safe Containers for International Cargo	7,820
46 U.S.C. 70305(c)	Suspension of Passenger Service	78,210
46 U.S.C. 2110(e)	Vessel Inspection or Examination Fees	11,823
46 U.S.C. 2115	Alcohol and Dangerous Drug Testing	9,624
46 U.S.C. 2302(a)	Negligent Operations: Recreational Vessels	8,705
46 U.S.C. 2302(a)	Negligent Operations: Other Vessels	43,527
46 U.S.C. 2302(c)(1)	Operating a Vessel While Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Dangerous Drug.	9,624
46 U.S.C. 2306(a)(4)	Vessel Reporting Requirements: Owner, Charterer, Managing Operator, or Agent.	14,988
46 U.S.C. 2306(b)(2)	Vessel Reporting Requirements: Master	2,998
46 U.S.C. 3102(c)(1)	Immersion Suits	14,988
46 U.S.C. 3106(d)	Master Key Control System	1,059
46 U.S.C. 3302(i)(5)	Inspection Permit	3,126
46 U.S.C. 3318(a)	Vessel Inspection; General	14,988
46 U.S.C. 3318(g)	Vessel Inspection; Nautical School Vessel	14,988
46 U.S.C. 3318(h)	Vessel Inspection; Failure to Give Notice in accordance with (IAW) 3304(b) ..	2,998
46 U.S.C. 3318(i)	Vessel Inspection; Failure to Give Notice IAW 3309(c)	2,998
46 U.S.C. 3318(j)(1)	Vessel Inspection; Vessel ≥1600 Gross Tons	29,980
46 U.S.C. 3318(j)(1)	Vessel Inspection; Vessel <1600 Gross Tons (GT)	5,996
46 U.S.C. 3318(k)	Vessel Inspection; Failure to Comply with 3311(b)	29,980
46 U.S.C. 3318(l)	Vessel Inspection; Violation of 3318(b)-3318(f)	14,988
46 U.S.C. 3502(e)	List/count of Passengers	312
46 U.S.C. 3504(c)	Notification to Passengers	31,252
46 U.S.C. 3504(c)	Notification to Passengers; Sale of Tickets	1,562
46 U.S.C. 3506	Copies of Laws on Passenger Vessels; Master	625
46 U.S.C. 3507(h)(1)(A) ..	Passenger Vessel Security and Safety; Daily Penalty & Maximum Penalty	26,481 Daily/ \$52,962 Maximum
46 U.S.C. 3508(d)	Passenger Vessel Security and Safety; Crewmembers Crime Scene Preservation Training; Maximum Penalty.	52,962
46 U.S.C. 3718(a)(1)	Liquid Bulk/Dangerous Cargo	78,134
46 U.S.C. 4106	Uninspected Vessels	13,132
46 U.S.C. 4311(b)(1)	Recreational Vessels (maximum for related series of violations)	413,388
46 U.S.C. 4311(b)(1)	Recreational Vessels; Violation of 4307(a)	8,267
46 U.S.C. 4311(c)	Engine Cut-Off Switches; Violation of 4312(b), First Offense	106
46 U.S.C. 4311(c)	Engine Cut-Off Switches; Violation of 4312(b), Second Offense	265

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U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2025 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
46 U.S.C. 4311(c)	Engine Cut-Off Switches; Violation of 4312(b), Subsequent to Second Offense	529
46 U.S.C. 4311(d)	Recreational Vessels	3,126
46 U.S.C. 4507	Uninspected Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels	13,132
46 U.S.C. 4703	Abandonment of Barges	2,224
46 U.S.C. 5116(a)	Load Lines	14,308
46 U.S.C. 5116(b)	Load Lines; Violation of 5112(a)	28,619
46 U.S.C. 5116(c)	Load Lines; Violation of 5112(b)	14,308
46 U.S.C. 6103(a)	Reporting Marine Casualties	49,848
46 U.S.C. 6103(b)	Reporting Marine Casualties; Violation of 6104	13,132
46 U.S.C. 8101(e)	Manning of Inspected Vessels; Failure to Report Deficiency in Vessel Complement.	2,365
46 U.S.C. 8101(f)	Manning of Inspected Vessels	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8101(g)	Manning of Inspected Vessels; Employing or Serving in Capacity not Licensed by U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8101(h)	Manning of Inspected Vessels; Freight Vessel <100 GT, Small Passenger Vessel, or Sailing School Vessel.	3,126
46 U.S.C. 8102(a)	Watchmen on Passenger Vessels	3,126
46 U.S.C. 8103(f)	Citizenship Requirements	1,562
46 U.S.C. 8104(i)	Watches on Vessels; Violation of 8104(a) or (b)	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8104(j)	Watches on Vessels; Violation of 8104(c), (d), (e), or (h)	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8106(f)	Employing Qualified Available U.S. Citizens or Residents	10,592 Daily/ \$105,923 Maximum
46 U.S.C. 8302(e)	Staff Department on Vessels	312
46 U.S.C. 8304(d)	Officer's Competency Certificates	312
46 U.S.C. 8502(e)	Coastwise Pilotage; Owner, Charterer, Managing Operator, Agent, Master or Individual in Charge.	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8502(f)	Coastwise Pilotage; Individual	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8503	Federal Pilots	74,943
46 U.S.C. 8701(d)	Merchant Mariners Documents	1,552
46 U.S.C. 8702(e)	Crew Requirements	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8906	Small Vessel Manning	49,848
46 U.S.C. 9308(a)	Pilotage: Great Lakes; Owner, Charterer, Managing Operator, Agent, Master or Individual in Charge.	23,647
46 U.S.C. 9308(b)	Pilotage: Great Lakes; Individual	23,647
46 U.S.C. 9308(c)	Pilotage: Great Lakes; Violation of 9303	23,647
46 U.S.C. 10104(a)(2)	Requirement to Report Sexual Assault and Harassment; Mandatory Reporting by Responsible Entity of a Vessel.	51,621
46 U.S.C. 10104(d)(2)	Requirement to Report Sexual Assault and Harassment; Company After Action Summary, violation of 10104(d)(1).	25,810
46 U.S.C. 10104(d)(2)	Requirement to Report Sexual Assault and Harassment; Company After Action Summary, Daily Noncompliance Penalty.	516
46 U.S.C. 10104(d)(2)	Requirement to Report Sexual Assault and Harassment; Company After Action Summary, Civil Penalty Maximum.	51,621
46 U.S.C. 10314(a)(2)	Pay Advances to Seamen	1,562
46 U.S.C. 10314(b)	Pay Advances to Seamen; Remuneration for Employment	1,562
46 U.S.C. 10315(c)	Allotment to Seamen	1,562
46 U.S.C. 10321	Seamen Protection; General	10,831
46 U.S.C. 10505(a)(2)	Coastwise Voyages: Advances	10,831
46 U.S.C. 10505(b)	Coastwise Voyages: Advances; Remuneration for Employment	10,831
46 U.S.C. 10508(b)	Coastwise Voyages: Seamen Protection; General	10,831
46 U.S.C. 10711	Effects of Deceased Seamen	625
46 U.S.C. 10902(a)(2)	Complaints of Unfitness	1,562
46 U.S.C. 10903(d)	Proceedings on Examination of Vessel	312
46 U.S.C. 10907(b)	Permission to Make Complaint	1,562
46 U.S.C. 11101(f)	Accommodations for Seamen	1,562
46 U.S.C. 11102(b)	Medicine Chests on Vessels	1,562
46 U.S.C. 11104(b)	Destitute Seamen	312
46 U.S.C. 11105(c)	Wages on Discharge	1,562
46 U.S.C. 11303(a)	Log Books; Master Failing to Maintain	625
46 U.S.C. 11303(b)	Log Books; Master Failing to Make Entry	625
46 U.S.C. 11303(c)	Log Books; Late Entry	469
46 U.S.C. 11506	Carrying of Sheath Knives	157
46 U.S.C. 12151(a)(1)	Vessel Documentation	20,468
46 U.S.C. 12151(a)(2)	Documentation of Vessels—Related to activities involving mobile offshore drilling units.	34,116
46 U.S.C. 12151(c)	Vessel Documentation; Fishery Endorsement	156,422
46 U.S.C. 12309(a)	Numbering of Undocumented Vessels—Willful violation	15,628
46 U.S.C. 12309(b)	Numbering of Undocumented Vessels	3,126
46 U.S.C. 12507(b)	Vessel Identification System	26,262
46 U.S.C. 14701	Measurement of Vessels	57,238

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46 U.S.C. 14702	Measurement; False Statements	57,238
46 U.S.C. 31309	Commercial Instruments and Maritime Liens	26,262
46 U.S.C. 31330(a)(2)	Commercial Instruments and Maritime Liens; Mortgagor	26,262
46 U.S.C. 31330(b)(2)	Commercial Instruments and Maritime Liens; Violation of 31329	65,653
46 U.S.C. 55112(d)	Vessel Escort Operations and Towing Assistance	10,592
46 U.S.C. 70036(a)	Ports and Waterways Safety Regulations	117,608
46 U.S.C. 70041(d)(1)(B)	Vessel Navigation: Regattas or Marine Parades; Unlicensed Person in Charge.	11,823
46 U.S.C. 70041(d)(1)(C)	Vessel Navigation: Regattas or Marine Parades; Owner Onboard Vessel	11,823
46 U.S.C. 70041(d)(1)(D)	Vessel Navigation: Regattas or Marine Parades; Other Persons	5,911
46 U.S.C. 70052(c)	Regulation of Vessels in Territorial Waters of the United States	26,481
46 U.S.C. 70119(a)	Port Security	43,527
46 U.S.C. 70119(b)	Port Security—Continuing Violations	78,210
46 U.S.C. 70506	Maritime Drug Law Enforcement; Penalties	7,217
49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1)	Hazardous Materials: Related to Vessels—Maximum Penalty	102,348
49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(2)	Hazardous Materials: Related to Vessels—Penalty from Fatalities, Serious Injuries/Illness or Substantial Damage to Property.	238,809
49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(3)	Hazardous Materials: Related to Vessels—Training	617

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