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*"Peace On The Earth, Good Will To Men"*

## Ground Detection Devices . . .

## Season's Greetings

As this year's voyage draws to a close, thoughts begin to turn toward future courses. Whether this message reaches you in home ports or on the high seas, I offer my hope that the Christmas season and the New Year ahead bring joy, hope, and peace to you and your families.

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### COVERS

**FRONT COVER:** A convoy of freighters moves through the Great Lakes in the wake of the Coast Guard Icebreaker *Mackinaw* in this silhouette photo made somewhere along the frigid passage. A lookout on the icebreaker keeps vigilant watch over the brood of merchant carriers enroute to Chicago.

**BACK COVER:** "Be safe for a happy holiday", *Courtesy of the National Safety Council.*

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# GROUND DETECTION DEVICES

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The following article on ground detection devices is the third of a series of articles concerning the design and use of electrical equipment aboard ship. The purpose of these articles is not to make the reader an instant electrician, and it is emphasized that unqualified personnel should not undertake the repair or adjustment of electrical equipment. Rather, the purpose is to remove some of the mystique and misconceptions concerning shipboard electrical equipment and, in particular, to instill an awareness and understanding by the operating personnel of the existence and purposes of the marine electrical regulations.

In order that these articles can be of maximum use to the industry, questions, comments, or recommendations concerning this or future articles are earnestly solicited. Correspondence should be addressed to Commandant (MMT-1), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20591.

## INTRODUCTION

WHILE OFTEN TAKEN lightly, grounds can be a source of fire and electric shock. In an ungrounded system a single ground has no appreciable effect on current flow. However, if low impedance grounds occur on conductors of different potentials, very large currents may result. In the case of grounded systems a single low impedance ground on the ungrounded conductor can result in large fault currents. These current flows that often exceed the current-carrying capacity of the conductors of the system are definitely a fire hazard and, as discussed in a previous article, any grounding of an energized conductor is a potential shock hazard.

In order to provide for ready detection of grounds and thereby aid in the maintenance of the electrical system on merchant vessels, Coast Guard regulations require that ground de-

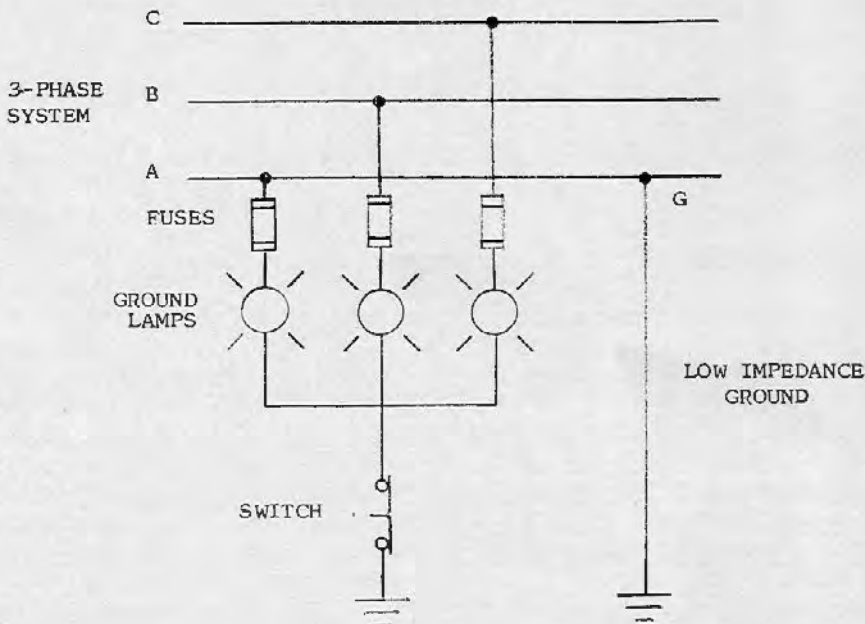


Figure 1.

tection means be provided. There are numerous methods used for the detection of grounds, but only the methods most commonly used on merchant vessels will be described herein.

## GROUND LAMPS

For ungrounded electrical distribution systems ground detection lamps are most widely used. This method is illustrated by Figure 1.

The ground lamps are connected to the three phases in a "Wye" with the common point grounded. A normally closed switch is provided in the ground connection. If no ground is present on the system, phase voltage

will be applied to each lamp and the lamps will be illuminated at equal intensity. If line "A" is grounded at point "G" by a low impedance ground, the lamp connected to line "A" will be shunted out and the lamp will be dark. The other two lamps will be energized at line voltage and will be brighter than usual. If a high-resistance ground occurs on any line, the lamp connected to that lamp will be dimmed slightly and the other two lamps will brighten slightly. The pushbutton switch is provided in the ground connection to aid in detecting high impedance grounds that produce only a slight shift from



## DUAL VOLTAGE SYSTEM

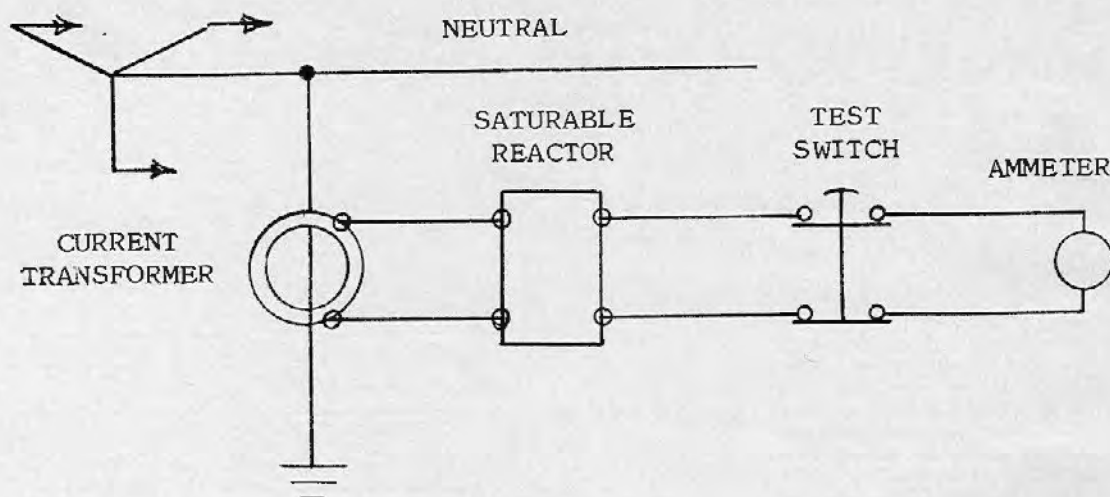


Figure 2.

normal in the voltages across each lamp. When the ground connection is opened, the voltage across each lamp returns to normal, or phase, value and each lamp will glow at the same intensity. By providing this means of obtaining a contrast between normal voltage and voltages that have shifted slightly, small changes in intensity of the lamps, which may otherwise go unnoticed, can be detected.

### GROUND DETECTION AMMETER

For detecting grounds in dual-voltage A.C. electrical distribution system with a grounded neutral a conventional ammeter is used. This ammeter is wired in series with the connection between the neutral and ground. As this meter has to be able to sustain the maximum fault current available, it has to have a full scale deflection which is on the order of 500 amperes. High impedance grounds with a correspondingly low current through the ground connection can not be read on such a meter. Only low impedance grounds with relatively high currents can be detected.

Improved means are available for detecting grounds in dual-voltage A.C. systems. To provide for the detection of high impedance grounds with the corresponding low ground current, in recent years, the Coast Guard has specified that the ground detection ammeter have a full scale deflection of not more than 10 amperes for A.C. system. Of course, the ammeter and associated equipment must be capable of sustaining, without damage, maximum fault current available. This feature has usually been provided for by the use of a special transducer such as a saturable reactor in the meter circuit. An example of a typical A.C. meter installation is shown in *Figure 2*.

The scale of the ammeter on some detectors is non-linear. For example, on one ground detector unit the movement of the pointer between the markings for 0 and 0.1 amperes is greater than the movement of the pointer between 8 and 10 amperes.

This provides for ease in detecting pointer movement at low current values, or greater sensitivity, when high impedance grounds are present on the system.

When the secondary circuit of a current transformer is opened there is always a danger of very high voltage being induced on the secondary conductors. Therefore, where a current transformer is used in a ground detection system, a suitable protective device must be provided near the current transformer to prevent high voltage in the event of an open secondary circuit. For some A.C. ground detection devices, high voltage build-up is prevented by the saturable reactor.

### GROUND DETECTION VOLTMETER

On older vessels with an ungrounded electrical distribution system a ground detector voltmeter may be encountered. The method is suitable for giving an indication of the degree of ground impedance and for a D.C. system, it can be used to calculate the actual resistance of the ground. The connections for the ground detector meter are usually as indicated in *Figure 3*.

The voltmeter is arranged so that it can be connected between each conductor, or phase, and ground. If there are no grounds on the system,

the voltmeter readings will be low. If the voltmeter readings between any conductor and ground is high, the insulation resistance to ground is low. For D.C. systems the actual insulation resistance can be computed by the formula:

$$R = Rv \left( \frac{E}{V_p + V_n} - 1 \right)$$

Where:

$R$  = insulation resistance to ground.

$Rv$  = resistance of the voltmeter.

$E$  = line voltage.

$V_p$  = voltmeter reading between positive and ground.

$V_n$  = voltmeter reading between negative and ground.

A quick inspection will show that if  $V_p + V_n$  approaches line voltage, the insulation resistance approaches zero, and if  $V_p + V_n$  approaches zero, the insulation resistance approaches infinity.

### 3-PHASE SYSTEM

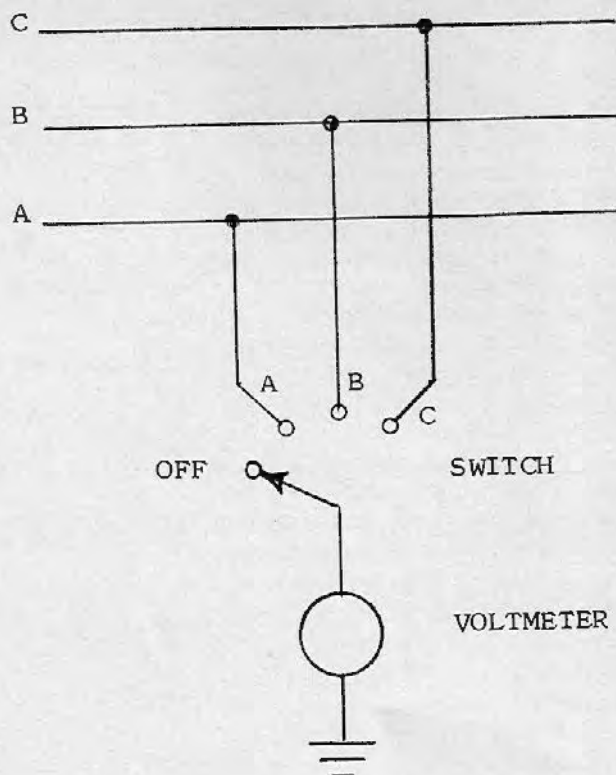


Figure 3.

On A.C. systems the ground detection voltmeter readings indicate only qualitative information about the insulation resistance to ground. If the voltmeter reading between a conductor and ground is low, the insulation resistance to ground is high. If the voltmeter reading is high, the insulation resistance to ground is low.

The A.C. voltmeter cannot give quantitative values because of the capacitive reactance that exists between each conductor and ground of A.C. systems.

### GROUND FAULT DETECTOR

There is another device that should be discussed even though it is not yet generally found on merchant vessels. This device offers great potential for the protection of personnel from electric shock and for the prevention of electrical fires. It should prove especially valuable in situations where grounding of frames of portable tools does not provide sufficient protection of personnel from shock hazards. For example, it would provide protection against harmful shock where personnel are required to use portable electric tools in confined, highly conductive locations, such as tanks and boiler drums, where a large portion of the body may contact the conducting surfaces. This device is known as a ground fault detector.

The value of a ground fault detector lies in its ability to detect very

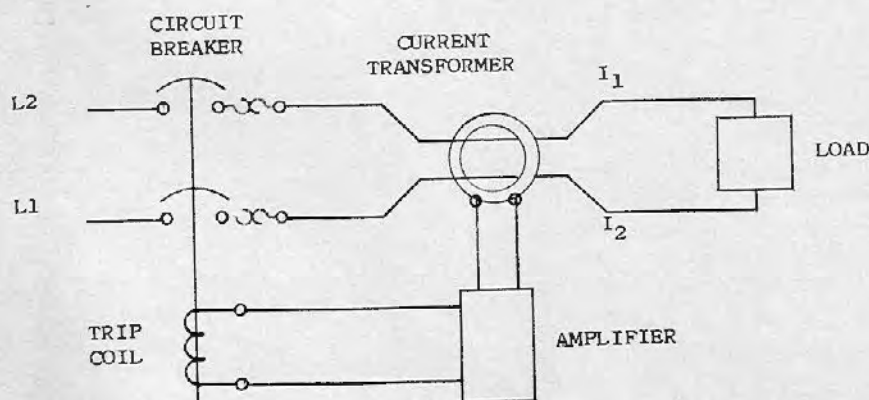


Figure 4.

small values of ground current (milliamperes) and even microamperes. It is designed to open the circuit when ground current reaches a predetermined value. By rapidly opening the circuit, thus removing the potential source when grounds are detected, this device can be used to greatly reduce the risk of serious shock and electrical fires.

An electrical current of 50 milliamperes, or less, may be fatal if it is sustained by a person for a length of time in the order of seconds. Much larger currents can be sustained without injury for shorter durations. The ground fault detector can be designed to operate in a fraction of a second at very low values of current.

The ground fault detector is basically an extremely sensitive current transformer used in conjunction with an amplifier and an automatic circuit breaker. The unit is calibrated to trip the circuit breaker when a predetermined unbalance of current in the circuit is detected by the current transformer. A typical detector is indicated in Figure 4.

If there is no ground present on the conductors and load which are protected by the device,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are equal and the algebraic sum of current passing through the turns of the current transformer is zero. Under this condition no signal is transmitted to the amplifier. However, if a conductor or device becomes grounded  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  will be unequal and a signal will be sent to the amplifier. The difference between  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  is the ground current  $I_G$  indicated in Figure 5 which does not pass through the turns of the current transformer.

When the ground leakage current  $I_G$  reaches a predetermined value the amplifier will signal the operating coil of the circuit breaker to "trip" the breaker. This will deenergize the circuit, terminating the hazard. Models of the ground fault detectors are available that will operate at values of ground current that are well below lethal values.

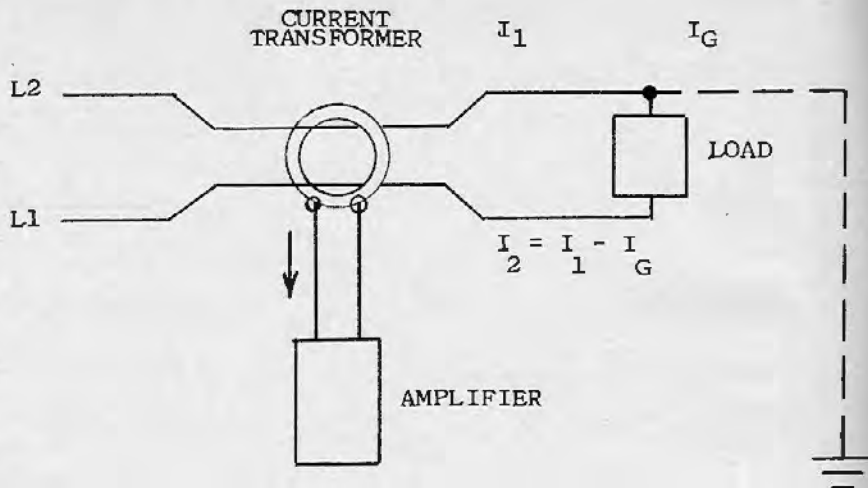


Figure 5.

#### CONCLUSION

It is hoped that the reader has a better understanding of ground detection devices. It is also hoped that he has a better awareness as to the importance of ground detection devices in providing for the protection of life and property aboard merchant vessels.

As with most safety items, ground detection devices must be used in order for their full benefit to be realized. Not only should these devices be utilized, but prompt action should be taken to locate and eliminate grounds once they are detected. The only purpose for detecting grounds is to eliminate them.

I'm sure that most of us would not deliberately reach into a switchboard and grab a 450-volt bus bar. Working on an electrical installation with unintentional grounds can be similar to such an act. Where grounds are present, frames of portable tools, motors, appliances, enclosures, etc. can become energized at full phase voltage. In such a case, an unsuspecting person could become the ground detec-

tor with dire consequences.

It should be noted that a ground fault detector does not limit ground leakage current. If a system suddenly developed a direct ground, the ground current that would result would be of the same magnitude with or without the ground fault detector. However, the ground fault detector would detect the ground and open the circuit breaker in a few cycles (60 Hz). As the hazard associated with electric shock is a function of current magnitude and duration, it is evident that rapid deenergizing of the faulted circuit is most important.

One other comment on the ground fault detector. It could be a valuable tool for checking portable tools. Portable tools could be plugged into a circuit protected by a ground fault detector set at a few milliamperes and operated for a short while. The ground fault detector would detect any leakage above the value for which the detector was set.

In summary, use the ground detection devices that have been provided, and when grounds are detected do something about it. ⚡



# LYKES VESSELS HONORED FOR SAFETY



*The S.S. Christopher Lykes was the No. 1 ship in the Lykes Lines fleet safety competition in 1969. Here members of the crew assemble on deck in New Orleans to receive the annual safety awards. Front row, from left, are Ordinary Seaman G. C. Sullivan, Steward J. Henry, Port Steward D. E. Davillier, Able Seaman A. J. Perry, Ordinary Seaman A. E. Green, Boatswain W. Johnson and Engine Cadet W. E. Perry. Back row, left to right, are Ordinary Seaman A. Johnson, Able Seaman J. A. Peretta, Deck Utility I. F. Ross, Capt. G. A. Madison, Master of the vessel; Capt. G. F. Price, Jr., Assistant Manager of the Marine Division; First Assistant Engineer W. E. Shilling, Stevedore Safety Inspector D. B. Edwards, Capt. C. H. Waring, Manager of the Accident Prevention Division; Port Engineer W. Barker, Chief Mate J. H. Smith and Third Mate C. E. Jensen. These competitions always yield excellent results.*

Sixteen ships of the global fleet of Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc., were cited for their 1969 safety records when an analysis of the Lykes fleet operations revealed they had completed the year free of lost time injuries.

The Lykes fleet had an exposure record of 19,714,536 man-hours in 1969, a reduction of 9.8 percent when compared with 1968, attributable to the fact that some ships were idled early in the year by a longshoremen's strike. Lost time injuries in the fleet

declined 20.9 percent in 1969 compared with the previous year.

Five of the ships, the *Mason Lykes*, *Christopher Lykes*, *Charlotte Lykes*, *Louise Lykes* and *Reuben Tipton* repeated their 1968 records free of lost time injuries. It marked the fourth time and third consecutive year for the *Charlotte*; the third time for both the *Louise Lykes* and *Reuben Tipton*, and the second consecutive year for the *Mason Lykes*, the top ship in the fleet in 1968.

Winning the coveted No. 1 spot as the safest ship in the Lykes fleet in 1969 was the S.S. *Christopher Lykes*. Working as a team, with a determined effort to duplicate their 1968 record, officers and crew of the "*Christopher*" accumulated 424,584 man-hours of exposure and the best over-all record of all 16 award winning ships.

Other ships cited were the *Ashley Lykes*, *Brinton Lykes*, *Charles Lykes*, both the *Clipper Dolly Turman* and the C-2 Class *Dolly Turman*, the *Frederick Lykes*, *Joseph Lykes*, *Lipscomb Lykes*, *Mason Lykes*, *Thompson Lykes*, *Velma Lykes* and *Zoella Lykes*.

The fleet analysis revealed that unlicensed personnel accounted for 91.2 percent of all lost time injuries in the Lykes fleet in 1969; engine room officers 5.9 percent, and deck officers had a record of 2.9 percent.

Lost time injury ratings of the National Safety Council determined the winning ships in the Lykes fleet. Each ship receives a framed commendation and is permitted to display the National Safety Council's green safety cross as a symbol of their record. A bronze plaque also goes to the *Christopher Lykes* as the No. 1 ship in the Lykes fleet. ⚓

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES TO COMMERCIAL VESSELS<sup>1</sup>

1 July 1969 to 30 June 1970 Fiscal year 1970	Nature of Casualty																		Total
	Collisions; crossing, meeting and over- taking	Collisions, while anchored, docking or undocking	Collision, fog	Collisions with piers and bridges	Collisions, all others	Explosion and/or fire— cargo	Explosion and/or fire— vessel's fuel	Explosion and/or fire— boilers, pressure vessel	Explosion and/or fire— structure, equipment, all others	Grounding with damage	Grounding without damage	Foundering, capsizings and floodings	Heavy weather damage	Cargo damage	Material failure— structure and equipment	Material failure— machinery and engineering equipment	Casualty not otherwise classified		
Number of casualties.....	197	163	35	409	289	15	21	8	133	317	223	122	43	23	296	198	90	2,582	
Number of vessels involved.....	645	428	90	692	416	16	22	8	146	430	240	158	47	28	334	198	165	4,063	
Number of inspected vessels involved.....	193	131	23	264	174	11	1	6	40	152	134	15	26	23	170	158	49	1,570	
Number of uninspected vessels involved.....	452	297	67	428	242	5	21	2	106	278	106	143	21	5	164	40	116	2,493	
PRIMARY CAUSE																			
Number of vessels																			
Personnel fault:	15	6	5	17	3					7	17	1					4	75	
Pilots—State.....	10	9	3	34	4		1		1	14	23						3	122	
Pilots—Federal.....	32	28	13	65	29	2		1	7	57	39	6	1	1	8	14	8	309	
Licensed officer—documented seaman.....	180	67	23	119	52	1			5	105	28	21		1	6		20	628	
Unlicensed—undocumented persons.....	16	25	9	22	5	3	1		13	13	16	5	1	3	9		25	166	
All others.....																	1	22	
Calculated risk:	8	3		7	3					6	3							11	
Restricted maneuvering room.....				9	5					1	4							3	
Storms—adverse weather.....	23			29	23					43	26	19	20	15	59	1	16	274	
Unusual currents.....	4	3		21	5					6	3		16				1	57	
Sheer, suction, bank cushion.....										2	3							3	
Depth of water less than expected.....				2	3					11	37				1			54	
Failure of equipment.....	7	11		28	14		7	7	31	37	19	21	1	3	143	177	4	510	
Unseaworthy—lack of maintenance.....					2					3	1	18	4		49	2	4	86	
Floating debris—submerged object.....	2	2		10	137					5	5	5			7	3	1	172	
Inadequate tug assistance.....	3	6		8	4					5	3	1						30	
Fault on part of other vessel or person.....	368	242	37	293	117	1	1		11	111	17	30	4	5	82		35	1,804	
Unknown—insufficient information.....		3		8	10	9	12		75	7	2	31			20	1	42	220	
ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO CAUSE OF CASUALTY																			
Hull and associated parts:	2	9		17	58			2	23			17	4		93	1	8	234	
Plates and framing—steel.....		2	1		25		1	1	10			3	2		33		5	84	
Planks and framing—wood.....					3	2	3		8			2	1		6	1	1	30	
Tanks.....		1							7			2			7		1	25	
Holds and hatches.....				1	1		1		12		1	3	1		11	1	2	36	
Superstructure—bulkheads, decks.....	2											1			6		1	8	
Ladders, gangways, rails and guards.....												2			19	2	3	34	
Masts, booms and cargo gear.....				6	1					5		2	1		11	3		42	
Rudder and stern tube.....	1	3		6	10					1		12	1	1	6	1	4	26	
Watertight closures.....																		9	
Quarters and living spaces.....			1						8										
Navigation and safety:	20	5	4	3	8				18			1	1		3		3	63	
Lookout.....	11	72	3	273	19			2	9		12		4					406	
Docks—piers—congested area.....	211	43	9	35	54			1	110		109	5			4		13	584	
Channels—restricted areas.....																			
Buoys—aid to navigation.....				3	38				20		15							76	
Excessive speed.....	12	9	6	15	8				3		2	1		1			2	59	
Poor visibility.....	11	11	47	15	9				31		18						3	145	
Steering gear.....	6	4		2	4				15		7	1				2		42	
Radar.....	3	3	12	4					4		3							29	
Fathometer—depth of water.....					12				4		2		1		1		1	21	
Engine order telegraph.....		3		3					1		1					1		9	
Navigation equipment—other.....	1	1	1	1	1				8		4	1	1		1		1	21	
Navigation lights.....	6	3		2	4													16	
Navigation signals.....	83		11	6	2					1							1	103	
Weather (generally).....	8	35	2	61	39				37		27	19	16	6	28	1	19	298	
Currents and tides.....	27	41	1	133	27				54		44	12			8	1	25	373	
Lifesaving equipment.....									1			1	3		17		5	27	
Firefighting equipment.....									3						2			5	
Miscellaneous:																			
Yard repairs.....		2		2	1	1	2		17		2		4		7	10	1	47	
Improper loading or storage.....					3		1	1	9		9		26		35	1	7	132	
Tug assisting.....	243	89	18	278	84				6	103	22	20	4	20	18		18	904	
Anchor equipment.....		27	1	2	8				1	12	12				27	2	2	94	
Towing equipment.....	9	6		16	17				19		2	10		1	8	1	12	101	
Mooring equipment.....	6	110	7	13	18		1		3	10	8	2	11	1	13		57	260	
Fishing equipment.....	7	1		1	2					7		8			1	1	5	33	
Deck equipment—all other.....				2	1				1	1				1	4		1	11	
Engineering:	6	12		18	47		14		18		9	6	1		35	84	7	284	
Main propulsion machinery.....				3	2		3	11	11	4		7	1		19	183		194	
Boiler parts and accessories.....					3										4			9	
Machinery—all other.....												2			2			5	
Tools and working spaces.....									1										
Generators and other electrical equip- ment.....		1			1		2		13	3	2		1			24		47	
Wiring, lights, controls.....	1	1		2		1	3		32	4	1	1			9	4		59	
Steward's department:																			
Galley and steward's department equipment.....										12								12	



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TYPE OF VESSEL																			
Inspected vessels:																			
Passenger and ferry—large				3	7	3		1	1	2	3		1		2	6		30	
Passenger and ferry—small		6	5	4	4	9			7	16	7	5	2		5	6	6	82	
Freight		13	46	6	90	77	7	1	3	18	40	72	5	13	17	106	111	612	
Cargo barge		12	6		10	10				1	19	1	2		4	9		78	
Tankships		17	14	1	35	26	3		2	6	12	36	3		8	20	27	211	
Tank barge		138	53	9	115	39	2			10	58	12		1	15	7	11	463	
Public		1	1			1						2			3	1	1	17	
Miscellaneous		6	6		3	9				5	1			3	1	10		47	
Uninspected vessels:																			
Fishing		48	36	4	9	46		10		48	104	35	45	10		48	38	489	
Tugs		229	83	23	247	106	1	1	1	29	101	19	46	1	3	47	7	976	
Foreign		45	54	14	30	13	4			4	27	41	4	2		5	1	248	
Cargo barge		87	54	9	124	27				4	35	8	26	1	2	39		470	
Miscellaneous		43	70	17	18	50		10	1	21	11	3	22	7		25	4	310	
GROSS TONNAGE																			
300 tons or less		293	192	42	240	180	1	20	2	96	211	66	108	20	4	129	47	67	1,718
Over 300 to 1000 tons		181	77	22	209	75	2	1		20	81	12	33	4	3	48	2	57	827
Over 1000 to 10,000 tons		142	127	17	181	112	8	1	3	22	95	83	14	12	10	99	88	25	1,039
Over 10,000 tons		29	32	9	62	49	5		3	8	43	79	3	11	11	58	61	16	479
LENGTH																			
Less than 100 feet		259	171	27	189	162	1	20	2	88	188	56	99	18	2	107	41	54	1,484
100 to less than 300 feet		319	149	45	345	135	3	1		31	158	33	49	6	7	93	9	90	1,466
300 to less than 500 feet		30	58	8	69	43	8		2	15	40	50	6	10	7	54	74	18	492
500 feet and over		37	50	10	89	76	4	1	4	9	44	101	4	13	12	80	74	13	621
AGE																			
Less than 10 years		209	167	38	279	131	7	8		38	148	61	52	9	8	74	26	55	1,400
10 to less than 20 years		193	112	25	212	111	4	5	2	54	127	55	41	9	4	88	22	57	1,121
20 to less than 30 years		101	97	21	139	108	3	4	3	39	97	84	38	25	14	119	129	36	1,088
30 years and over		52	52	6	62	66	2	5	3	15	58	40	27	3	2	53	21	17	484
LOCATION OF CASUALTY		Number of casualties																	
Inland—Atlantic		20	24	7	71	46	5	6		27	62	77	16		1	29	11	13	417
Inland—Gulf		110	59	12	121	67	3	5		33	76	67	21	14	2	34	12	24	660
Inland—Pacific		11	14	2	46	34	3	4	1	25	53	18	28	6	1	33	27	9	314
Ocean—Atlantic		5				6	1	1		8	10	1	6		12	43	29	4	134
Ocean—Gulf		11	10	2	5	31		2	1	13	19	8	9	2		26	15	5	159
Ocean—Pacific		2			2	13	1		3	8	18	2	20	11	4	35	59	6	184
Great Lakes		4	12		82	40			1	1	23	18	6		1	17	12	1	188
Western rivers		26	16	6	85	32	1	2		13	34	6	15			40		20	296
Ocean—other			1		3	4					8	5	2	2	1	9	16	1	52
Foreign waters		8	27	3	22	16	1	1	2	5	14	21	2	1	1	30	17	7	178
TIME OF DAY																			
Daylight		77	88	23	222	142	6	15	5	57	140	104	71	23	14	188	129	55	1,359
Nighttime		105	67	9	161	121	9	4	3	69	156	104	39	19	9	95	51	29	1,050
Twilight		16	8	3	26	26		2		7	21	15				13	18	6	173
ESTIMATED LOSSES—UNITS OF THOUSANDS																			
Vessel		4,604	2,294	1,187	3,645	5,554	5,474	572	183	13,292	10,336	26	5,797	1,681	38	8,024	3,760	2,907	69,274
Cargo		738	39	141	437	62	459	14		101	2,699		476	202	891	11,017	19	65	17,360
Property		327	440	13	6,647	1,367		4		56	530	1	37	6	37	219	15	930	10,629
VESSELS TOTALLY LOST																			
Inspected		1				3	2			5	3		2	1		8	3	2	30
Uninspected		16	6	3	8	39		13		53	45		49	16		53	2	15	318

<sup>1</sup> Statistics concerning recreation and pleasure boating accidents are published in CG 357.

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF DEATHS/INJURIES DUE TO A VESSEL CASUALTY<sup>1</sup>

	Nature of casualty														Total
	Collision, crossing, meeting and overtaking	Collision, while anchored, docking or undocking	Collision, fog	Collisions with piers and bridges	Collisions, all others	Explosion and/or fires—cargo	Explosion and/or fires—vessel's fuel	Explosion and/or fire—boilers, pressure vessel	Explosion and/or fire—structure, equipment, all others	Grounding with damage	Grounding without damage	Foundering, capsizings and floodings	Heavy weather damage	Cargo damage	
1 July 1969 to 30 June 1970 Fiscal year 1970															
Number of casualties.....	8	4	5	3	8	4	6	1	23	5		30	3		141
Number of persons deceased/injured inspected vessels.....	1/1	1/-	-/6	-/1		3/2			1/18	-/1		-/2		31/8	38/47
Number of persons deceased/injured uninspected vessel.....	7/6	1/2	2/2	1/1	7/4	1/1	1/9	4/4	16/22	4/3		47/-	9/-	22/2	140/58
Number of persons deceased/injured.....	8/7	2/2	2/8	1/2	7/4	4/3	1/9	4/4	17/40	4/3		47/2	9/-	53/10	178/105
PRIMARY CAUSE															
Personnel fault:															
Pilots—State.....															1
Pilots—Federal.....								1							7
Licensed officer—documented seaman.....	1	1	1	1		1			3	2		8		1	27
Unlicensed—undocumented persons.....	3	1		2	3	1			1					2	8
All others.....	2					1			5						
Calculated risk.....															
Restricted maneuvering room.....															
Storms—adverse weather.....										1		8	3	4	18
Unusual currents.....															1
Sheer, suction, bank cushion.....															
Depth of water less than expected.....															
Failure of equipment.....							1	1	7	2				19	3
Unseaworthy—lack of maintenance.....												2			1
Floating debris—submerged object.....					3										3
Inadequate tug assistance.....															
Fault on part of other vessel or person.....	2	2	3		1										9
Unknown—insufficient information.....					1	1	4		7			12		2	30
TYPE OF VESSEL INVOLVED															
Inspected vessels:															
Passenger and ferry—large.....			-/6	-/1						-/1					-/3
Passenger and ferry—small.....	1/-											-/2		30/6	-/2
Freight.....															3/15
Cargo barge.....									1/13						1/4
Tankships.....						2/2			-/4						1/1
Tank barges.....						1/-									2/3
Public.....															
Miscellaneous.....	-/1	1/-												1/2	
Uninspected vessels:															
Fishing.....	3/1		-/1	6/-		-/2		7/6	3/1			28/-	9/-	12/3	77/13
Tugs.....		-/2	2/-	1/-		-/1	1/3	2/1				8/-		2/-	22/16
Foreign.....	2/-					1/-		2/2				2/-		1/-	8/2
Miscellaneous.....	2/5	1/-	-/2	1/4		-/4	4/4	5/13	1/1			9/-		7/-	33/33
PARTICULARS OF PERSON DECEASED/INJURED															
Papers of deceased/injured:															
Licensed by Coast Guard.....		-/1	-/2	-/1		1/1			1/10	1/-		3/-		8/2	3/1
Documented by Coast Guard.....						1/-			2/5			1/1		22/4	2/3
No license or document.....	6/7	2/1	2/6	1/1	7/3	1/2	1/9	4/4	12/24	3/3		43/1	9/-	22/4	11/5
Other—unknown—foreign.....	2/-					1/-			2/1					1/-	6/1
Status or capacity on vessel:															
Passenger.....	2/1		-/6	2/1		-/1				-/1		3/-			-/2
Longshoreman—harbor worker.....						1/-			-/2					1/-	7/12
Crewmember.....	6/6	2/1	2/2	1/2	5/3	3/3	-/5	14/33	3/2			42/2	9/-	46/10	151/78
Other.....		-/1				1/3	4/4	3/5	1/-			2/-		6/-	18/13
Activity engaged in:															
Off duty.....		-/1		1/1	-/3	3/2	5/4					3/-		-/1	12/12
Deck department duties.....	2/2	1/1	3/2	1/1	3/2	2/-	-/5	2/15	2/2			14/1		12/3	49/46
Engine department duties.....						1/-		1/4				-/1		1/1	4/8
Stewards department duties.....								-/2	1/1						3/4
Handling cargo.....						1/1		2/1						1/1	4/2
Fishing.....	3/-	1/-		1/-				4/1				18/-	9/-	6/-	49/1
Drills.....														-/1	4/12
Passenger.....	2/1		-/6	3/1		-/1		1/3	1/-	2/14	-/1				-/2
Other and unknown.....	1/4			-/1						2/-		12/-		33/3	53/25
Location of vessel:															
At dock.....		2/1	2/-			4/3	-/6	11/22						6/2	-/2
At anchor.....		-/1					1/3	4/4	2/7	-/1		2/-		6/3	1/1
Underway.....	8/7		-/8	1/2	7/4			4/11	4/2			45/2	9/-	41/5	15/8
PART OF BODY INVOLVED															
Head and upper limbs.....	-/4		-/2		-/1		-/2	3/-	2/12	-/1				4/4	9/26
Back and lower limbs.....	-/1	-/2	-/1	1/1	-/1		-/2	-/1	-/5	-/1				1/1	1/22
Multiple injuries (internal and external).....	-/2		-/5		-/2	-/3	1/5	1/3	6/23	-/1		-/2		2/5	12/57
Death—heart.....					1/-				1/-						2/-
Death—drowning.....	7/-	1/-	2/-		6/-	2/-			2/-	3/-		38/-	7/-	38/-	116/-
Death—other.....	1/-	1/-				2/-			6/-	1/-		9/-	2/-	8/-	30/-

<sup>1</sup> Statistics concerning recreational boating accidents are published in CG-357.

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF DEATHS ON BOARD COMMERCIAL VESSELS<sup>1</sup>

## (Not Involving a Vessel Casualty)

1 July 1969 to 30 June 1970

Fiscal year 1970

Nature of death

		Nature of death																								
		Natural Cause	Homicide	Suicide	Disappearance	Slips and falls—ladders	Slips and falls—gangways	Slips and falls—on deck	Slips and falls—other	Falls from vessel—into water	Falls into holds or tanks	Struck by objects; falling, dropped or moving	Exposure and asphyxiation	Struck against, crushed, bumped into objects	Operating machinery and tools	Burns and scalds (other than electrical)	Electrical shock and burns	Caught in lines, chains or wire ropes	Pinching and crushing	Heavy weather	Overexertion, sprains and strains	Cuts, lacerations, bruises and punctures	Alterations and misconduct	Unknown or insufficient information		
Total	CAUSE OF DEATH																									
420																										
11	Intoxication	154				2		1	1	6	1	1	2	1	1									4		
173	Physical deficiency or handicap						1		2	12	4	1	1						1		3					
59	Unsafe movement or posture									50																
36	Psychological—immaturity, insanity	2	3	8		2			3	22	9	5	3						2			1		1		
47	Unsafe practice									2																
2	Violation of law or regulation	1		1				1	1	25	4	5	1		1		1	1	3							
45	Human errors									2																
5	Decks—slippery or cluttered									3	1															
4	Weather conditions							1		2		1					1									
1	Poor maintenance or housekeeping																									
0	Inadequate lighting																									
6	Inadequate rails or guards						2			4																
11	Failure of equipment									1	1	6	1			2										
0	Inadequate supervision																									
3	Inadequate life preservers									3							1									
2	Inadequate tools or equipment								1																	
0	Inadequate protective equipment							1		1		2							1							
5	Improper use of tools or equipment																							5		
5	Miscellaneous causes																									
TYPES OF VESSELS INVOLVED																										
Inspected vessels:																										
39	Passenger and ferry—large	22		3						10			1						1					1		
17	Passenger and ferry—small	10	1	1						3			1	1												
134	Freight ships and barges	70		2		3	2	2	5	20	13	6		1	1				3		2	1		3		
36	Tankships and barges	25	1							9																
2	Public	1								1																
19	Miscellaneous	5		1		1		1		6			2		1	1								1		
Uninspected vessels:																										
62	Fishing	13								42		2	1				1	1						2		
54	Tugs	8						1	2	37		2					2							1		
23	Foreign	1		1					1	5	6	6							1					1		
34	Miscellaneous	2	1	1						20	1	4	1			1			1					1		
TIME OF DAY																										
233	Daytime	89	2	5		3		3	6	79	9	15	5	2	1	1	2	3	1	5		1		3		
154	Nighttime	55	1	3		1	3	1	3	61	10	5	1						1	1				7		
33	Twilight	13		1						13	1	1	1						1		1					
PARTICULARS OF DECEASED																										
Papers of deceased:																										
43	Licensed by Coast Guard	32		1					1	5		1	2	2							1			2		
123	Documented by Coast Guard	68	2	4		3	2	2	2	30	1	2	2	1							1			7		
228	No license or document	56		3		1		2	5	113	10	13	4		1	2	3	1	5		1	1		1		
26	Other—unknown—foreign	1	1	1			1		1	5	9	5							1							
Status or capacity on vessel:																										
52	Passenger	36		2						12			1											1		
32	Longshoreman—harbor worker	2				1			2	5	10	6							5			1				
275	Crewmember	111	2	6		3	3	4	6	104	7	11	4	3	1		1	2	2		2			6		
61	Other	8	1	1					1	32	3	4	3		1	1	1	1			1			3		
Activity engaged in:																										
125	Off duty	63	1	6		1	3	1	6	38			2											7		
101	Deck department duties	21		1		1		3	6	52	6	8	1				1	1		1						
29	Engine department duties	17	1			1				3	1	1	1	1												
12	Stewards department duties	9								1																
19	Handling cargo									3																
48	Fishing	15								29		3						1	5							
2	Drills	1								1														1		
44	Passenger	28		2						13																
40	Other and unknown	3	1			1			2	13	8	2	4		1	1	1				1			2		
Location of vessel:																										
173	At dock	42	2	4		2	3	2	6	59	19	12	3	1			3		7		3	1		4		
14	At anchor	2						2	3	5		2	2			2								1		
233	Underway	113	1	5						89	1	7	3		1			1						5		
PART OF BODY INVOLVED																										
31	Head and upper limbs				1		3	2	1	6		3	10		1	1			2			1				
0	Back and lower limbs																									
39	Multiple injuries (internal and external)		1	1					2	3	11	11		2			2	2		5						
148	Death—heart	142	1	4			1			3				1												
162	Death—drowning	1								148	3							1			1			3		
40	Death—disease, other	14	1	3		1		1		2	3		5				1				2			7		

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# STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL INJURIES ON BOARD COMMERCIAL VESSELS<sup>1</sup>

## (Not Involving a Vessel Casualty)

Total		1 July 1969 to 30 June 1970 Fiscal year 1970	Nature of injury																		
			Slips and falls—ladders	Slips and falls—gangways	Slips and falls—on deck	Slips and falls—other	Falls from vessel—into water	Falls into holds or tanks	Struck by objects; falling dropped or moving	Exposure and asphyxiation	Struck against, crushed, bumped into objects	Operating machinery and tools	Burns and scalds (other than electrical)	Electrical shock and burns	Caught in lines, chains or wire ropes	Pinching and crushing	Heavy weather	Overexertion, sprains and strains	Cuts, lacerations, bruises and punctures	Alterations and misconduct	Unknown or insufficient information
1923		CAUSE OF INJURY																			
55		Intoxication.....	7	2	3	16	2			3		2			1		2	5	9	3	
72		Physical deficiency or handicap.....	5		2	8				3							43	4	2	5	
551		Unsafe movement or posture.....	81	18	41	79	2	4	30	48	1	6		7	12	1	173	38	2	10	
66		Psychological—immaturity, insanity.....	1		1	3				2							3	13	41	1	
426		Unsafe practice.....	32	3	8	51	1	4	93	18	9	30	5	17	40	1	49	48		14	
25		Violation of law or regulation.....															1	2	22		
278		Human errors.....	24	6	20	31	2	2	38	25	3	18	1	7	35	1	18	36		11	
131		Decks—slippery or cluttered.....	16	2	51	13			2	10		1		1	2		26	3	2	2	
122		Weather conditions.....	4		13	20	1		19	13		3		1	10	10	16			2	
15		Poor maintenance or housekeeping.....	2		1	3			6								2	1			
2		Inadequate lighting.....							1			1					1	1			
81		Inadequate rails or guards.....				3						1		1		1		8		2	
81		Failure of equipment.....	3		1	7		1	42	1		7	1	1		1	6				
10		Inadequate supervision.....			1	1			4			2		1	1			2			
0		Inadequate life preservers.....															2	3			
8		Inadequate tools or equipment.....							2			1						1			
6		Inadequate protective equipment.....							2			2									
60		Improper use of tools or equipment.....	3			4			10	1	10	4		2	1		3	20		2	
8		Miscellaneous causes.....				2			1	1				1	1		2				
		TYPES OF VESSELS INVOLVED																			
126		Inspected vessels:																			
19		Passenger and ferry—large.....	9	1	23	17			15	9		3	1	1	6		23	11	3	4	
1,487		Passenger and ferry—small.....	1	1	2	4			2				2				5	2			
122		Freight ships and barges.....	146	27	103	183	4	10	191	3	96	19	60	4	18	74	10	290	148	61	40
1		Tankships and barges.....	14	2	6	16	1	1	9	1	9	3	9		1	3	2	17	19	7	2
32		Public.....				1															
1		Miscellaneous.....	1		1	8			7	1		1	2		2	1	1	3	2	3	
55		Uninspected vessels:																			
40		Fishing.....			1	3			12	1	1	4		9	7	3	1	10		3	
2		Tugs.....	2		2	4	2		9	5				5	4		4	3			
39		Foreign.....	2																		
		Miscellaneous.....	3		4	5	1		5	1		2		1	6		3	4	3	1	
		TIME OF DAY																			
1,354		Daytime.....	127	17	90	150	4	5	205	2	79	19	57	6	25	76	12	242	157	40	41
477		Nighttime.....	42	12	46	78	4	5	40	2	39	3	17	1	9	24	2	73	40	23	7
92		Twilight.....	9	2	6	13		1	5		4	1	5		3	2	2	24	6	5	4
		PARTICULARS OF PERSON INJURED																			
199		Papers of person injured:																			
1,547		Licensed by Coast Guard.....	20	6	11	25		1	21	11	4	16	1	2	8	2	33	29	7	2	
176		Documented by Coast Guard.....	152	24	117	199	6	8	195	4	102	19	53	5	20	76	11	293	152	65	46
1		No license or document.....	6	1	14	17	2	2	34	9		10	1	15	18	3	13	22	5	4	
		Other—unknown—foreign.....																			
27		Status or capacity on vessel:																			
7		Passenger.....		1	6	6			2	1		1		1	3	1	1	3	1		
1,847		Longshoreman—harbor worker.....							5	1											
42		Crewmember.....	177	30	136	230	7	9	233	4	120	23	71	7	35	94	15	337	194	75	50
		Other.....	1			5	1	2	10			7		1	5		1	6	2	1	
209		Activity engaged in:																			
766		Off duty.....	27	16	25	56	3	1	5	19		2		1	13	3	30	38	48	7	
498		Deck department duties.....	54	7	56	112	5	5	156	54	5	9	1	24	31	7	157	66	1	6	
255		Engine department duties.....	50	5	27	44		3	55	2	30	17	51	4	2	20	1	107	58	11	2
5		Stewards department duties.....	35	2	27	17			12	17		9	2		24	2	42	25	6	35	
45		Handling cargo.....							3	1										1	
6		Fishing.....			4	1			12		1			9	6	2	1	9			
22		Drills.....	2			2								1	1			1			
30		Passenger.....		1	3	6			1	1				1	3	1	1	3			
		Other and unknown.....	1			3		2	6			7			4		1	3	2	1	
866		Location of vessel:																			
18		At dock.....	72	29	44	103	7	7	123	2	46	7	36	6	21	52	2	152	74	58	25
1,041		At anchor.....	1		3	3			6					1				2			
		Underway.....	105	2	95	135	1	4	121	2	76	16	43	1	15	50	14	187	127	20	27

See footnote at end of table.

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL INJURIES ON BOARD COMMERCIAL VESSELS<sup>1</sup>

Continued

(Not Involving a Vessel Casualty)

Total	1 July 1969 to 30 June 1970 Fiscal year 1970	Nature of injuries																		
		Slips and falls—ladders	Slips and falls—gangways	Slips and falls—on deck	Slips and falls—other	Falls from vessel—into water	Falls into holds or tanks	Struck by objects; falling, dropped or moving	Exposure and asphyxiation	Struck against, crushed, bumped into objects	Operating machinery and tools	Burns and scalds (other than electrical)	Electrical shock and burns	Caught in lines, chains or wire ropes	Pinching and crushing	Heavy weather	Overexertion, sprains and strains	Cuts, lacerations, bruises and punctures	Altercations and misconduct	Unknown or insufficient information
Part of body injured:																				
97	Head and neck.....	5		5	24			22		14				1				10	14	2
69	Eye and face.....	1			4		1	37		11		11	1	1				3	9	
133	Arm and shoulder.....	14	2	16	20	1		15		11		12	3	7	1	17		8	2	4
350	Hand.....	10	2	17	13	1		29		14	20	7	5	17	73			85	5	25
231	Leg and hip.....	23	6	21	33	1	2	30	1	35	1	3		3	6	1	26	36		3
287	Foot.....	23	9	12	18	1	2	62		16		14		7	4	2	91	22	3	1
261	Back.....	31	2	33	30	1		5		11	1	1		1			129	7	4	5
56	Body—external.....	11	1	5	7			7	1	1	1	6			1		8	4	3	
101	Body—internal.....	15	4	10	23	1	1	5	1	8				1	3	2	12	6		4
21	Hernia.....	1		2													16			
293	Multiple body injuries.....	41	5	20	62		4	37		10		23		4	6	10	13	22	32	4
24	All other injuries.....	3		1	5	2	1	1	1	1		2	1		1			1		4
ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO CAUSE OF INJURY																				
597	Human element.....	36	7	54	63	1	2	52	1	26	13	19	1	9	15	4	111	89	80	14
70	Decks—slippery or cluttered.....	7	2	19	18	1	1	4		4					1	1	12			
49	Weather conditions.....	2	2	8	3	1		3		4		2			10	1	6	5		2
16	Poor maintenance or housekeeping.....	3		2	3			1		2							1	2	1	1
16	Inadequate lighting.....	1			4		3			3				1			2	2		
17	Inadequate rails or guards.....	3	1		3	1	1	2						1	1		2	4		
8	Failure of equipment.....							3		1		1						1		1
57	Inadequate supervision.....	1		2	6			21	1			5		4	2	1	11	2		1
19	Inadequate tools or equipment.....				5			3					1		1		7	1		1
32	Inadequate protective equipment.....	1		1	3			12		2	1	3	1	1			1	6		1
124	Improper use of tools or equipment.....	2			13			36		9	7	9	2	10			10	22		3
113	Hull structure.....	8		22	31			6		7		1	2	2	3	5	21	7		
51	Holds, hatches, tanks.....	3		1	16		4	3	1	2		2			5		8	5	1	
168	Ladders, gangways, stairs.....	91	12	3	13	1	2	6		10				1			23	4		2
66	Masts, booms, cargo gear.....	2		1	7		1	17		3			1	3	8		16	7		
27	Watertight closures.....			1	7			2		2				12	1	1	1	1		
58	Living spaces.....	2		8	13			3	1	8		1		1	4	2	9	6		
17	Fishing equipment.....							4					5	4	1		3			
2	Navigational equipment.....													2						
14	Lifesaving equipment.....	1			5			1		2					1		3	2		
3	Firefighting equipment.....			1													1			
0	Communications equipment.....																			
0	Yard repairs.....																			
23	Improper loading, stowage and ventilation.....	2		4	4			1		2				3	2	5				
12	Ground tackle.....							2						4	2	2	2			
4	Tugs and towing equipment.....				2			2												
87	Mooring equipment.....			1	3			46		1				10	3	1	13	7		2
4	Miscellaneous deck department equipment.....				3					1		1								
4	Main propulsion machinery.....							1			1				1					
30	Boiler parts and accessories.....	1			2			4		2		16	1		3		5	4		1
42	Auxiliary machinery.....	6		3	8			2		6	1	4					8	4		
6	Electrical equipment.....							1		1	1	2					1			
60	Galley equipment.....	2		7	8			5		1		7			4	1	10	2		19

<sup>1</sup> Statistics concerning recreation and pleasure boating accidents are published in CG-357.

# NAVIGATION AND VESSEL INSPECTION CIRCULAR NO. 5-70

29 JUNE 1970

## Subj: Bulk Liquid Cargoes; Guide to Compatibility of Chemicals.

### PURPOSE

This circular publishes a "Guide to Compatibility of Chemicals."

### DISCUSSION

a. The enclosed Guide is based in part upon information provided to the Coast Guard by the National Academy of Sciences—U.S. Coast Guard Advisory Committee on Hazardous Materials, and represents the latest information available to the Coast Guard on chemical compatibility.

b. The accidental mixing of one chemical cargo with another can in some cases be expected to result in a vigorous and hazardous chemical reaction. The generation of toxic gases, the heating, overflow, and rupture of cargo tanks, and fire and explosion are possible consequences of such reactions.

c. The purpose of the enclosed compatibility chart is to show chemical combinations believed to be dangerously reactive in the case of accidental mixing. It should be recognized, however, that the compatibility chart provides a broad grouping of chemicals with an extensive variety of possible binary combinations. Although one group, generally speaking, can be considered dangerously reactive with another group where an "X" appears on the chart, there may exist between the groups some combinations which would not dangerously react. The compatibility chart should therefore not be construed or used as an infallible guide. It is offered as an aid in the safe loading of bulk chemical cargoes, with the recommendation that proper safeguards be taken to avoid accidental mixing of binary mixtures for which an "X" appears on the chart. Proper safeguards would include consideration of such factors as avoidance of the use of common cargo and vent lines and carriage in adjacent tanks having a common bulkhead.

d. The following procedure explains how the Guide should be used in determining compatibility information:

(1) Determine the reactivity group of a particular product by referring to the reactivity groups listed on pages 3-6 of the Guide.

(2) Enter the chart, on page 2 of the Guide, with the reactivity group. Proceed across the page. An "X" indicates a reactivity group which represents an unsafe combination with the product in question.

(3) At the end of the line, proceed down. An "X" again indicates groups representing unsafe combinations.

e. For example, acrylonitrile falls within Group No. 14, Monomers and Polymerizable Esters. Acrylonitrile should be segregated from acids, caustics, amines, al-

kanolamines, halogenated compounds, alcohols, glycols, glycol ethers, phenols, alkylene oxides, ammonia, halogens, ethers, acid anhydrides. The note to the right of the chart indicates that epichlorohydrin should be segregated from acrylonitrile also.

f. It is recognized there are wide variations in the reaction rates of individual chemicals within the broad groupings shown reactive by the compatibility chart. Some individual materials in one group will react violently with some of the materials in another group and cause great hazard; others will react slowly, or not at all. In order to improve the usefulness of the Guide, identification of specific binary combinations which are found not to be dangerously reactive, even though an "X" appears on the chart for those two chemicals, is desired. The combinations so identified will be listed in subsequent revisions to the Guide provided:

(1) Nonreactivity is established by laboratory testing simulating conditions found in transportation.

(2) The test used in determining reactivity, while not yet firmly established, should include the following:

(a) Commercial products should be used.

(b) Proportion of each reactant should be varied so as to simulate mixing that should take place aboard the vessel.

(c) The duration of the test should be of sufficient length to determine the possibility of delayed reaction.

(3) Test results should include the following:

(a) Change in temperature ( $\Delta T$ )

(b) Change in pressure ( $\Delta P$ )

(c) Identification of reaction products.

(4) The test procedure together with results obtained should be forwarded to Commandant (MHM) for review. If found acceptable, the combination will be listed in the Guide as "not dangerously reactive as tested in accordance with the outlined test procedure."

### ACTION

a. Certificates of Inspection for U.S. certificated tank vessels will contain an endorsement which specifies that cargoes should be loaded in a compatible manner. The Guide is offered to assist the owners and operators of tank vessels in determining compatibility of various chemical cargoes.

b. Commandant (MHM) will issue copies of this Circular to the owners of foreign vessels upon the completion of plan review, and a copy will be attached as an enclosure to the Letter of Compliance. Coast Guard Boarding officers will check foreign vessels' stowage plans



to determine whether stowage is in accordance with the Guide. If a discrepancy is observed, the Coast Guard Captain of the Port may direct the master to transfer the cargoes to comply with the Guide.

c. Questions concerning the Guide should be re-

ferred to the Commandant (MHM).

Copies of this circular with enclosure (1) may be obtained at the local marine inspection office or by writing Commandant (CAS-2), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20591. ‡

## AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS

### Withdrawal of Proposed Rule Making

### MEASUREMENT OF VESSELS

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Coast Guard

#### [ 46 CFR Part 69 ]

1. In the Federal Register of February 28, 1970 (35 F.R. 3916), there was published a notice of proposed rule making and of a public hearing to be held on March 30, 1970, in Washington, D.C., by the Merchant Marine Council on Items PH 1-70 to PH 12-70, inclusive, of the Merchant Marine Council Agenda (CG-249), dated March 30, 1970. The notice invited interested persons to submit written data, views, arguments, or comments concerning the proposals to the Commandant (CMC) of the Coast Guard to be received by March 27, 1970, and to attend the hearing and present oral or written statements on the proposals.

2. Item PH 9-70 of the agenda was entitled "Measurement of Vessels—Limitations of Deep Floors, Frames, Double Bottoms and Side Frames." Many communications were received from interested persons stating that the time afforded by the notice was insufficient to permit detailed study of the proposals contained in that time.

3. Accordingly, in the Federal Register of March 24, 1970 (35 F.R. 5012), there was published another notice which extended the time to submit written data, views, arguments, or comments concerning

Agenda Item PH 9-70 until September 1, 1970.

4. Oral presentations were heard at the public hearing on March 30, 1970. Numerous communications were received urging that, among other things, the proposed changes be dropped since if adopted they would disrupt many industries using vessels of up to 500 gross tons; the proposed changes be deferred until after it has been determined whether the International Convention on the Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, will come into force and make the present tonnage measurement rules obsolete; specific language amending the proposed changes be adopted; and meetings be held between Coast Guard and industry representatives to develop new criteria for applying licensing, manning, vessel inspection and other safety requirements which are affected by tonnage measurement.

5. Meetings were held with several industry groups at which the proposed changes to the vessel measurement rules were considered at great length. Data, views, arguments, and comments concerning the proposed rule changes presented at the meetings generally resulted in a consensus among the industry representatives that the common objective of the Coast Guard and other tonnage measurement authorities throughout the world should be that gross tonnage be made an accurate index to vessel size. Despite favoring this objective, the industry representatives urged that the changes proposed in Agenda Item PH 9-70 be canceled or deferred since the changes, in

themselves, would not cause the objective to be attained. They expressed great concern that the problems which would arise in connection with enforcement of the proposed changes could not be resolved before similar problems would have to be dealt with in connection with the definitive attainment of the desired objective upon ratification and implementation of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

6. The Coast Guard carefully considered all representations made in the matter and concluded that it would be advantageous to defer the changes to 46 CFR Part 69 proposed in Agenda Item PH 9-70 until it can be determined whether the International Convention will be ratified and put into force at an early date.

7. Accordingly, Item PH 9-70, the proposal to amend 46 CFR Part 69 so as to limit the extent to which floor timbers and certain other structural members will be considered as boundaries for space to be included in the gross tonnage of a vessel as presented in the Federal Register of February 28, 1970 (35 F.R. 3919), is withdrawn. The proposal or a similar proposal may be published subsequently in the Federal Register if it becomes apparent that the coming into force of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, will be unduly delayed; or regulations similar to those provided by the Convention will not be adopted for vessels in domestic trade; or if other circumstances occur which make such a proposal necessary in connection with the Coast Guard's

obligation to meet its responsibilities under the law.

Dated: October 9, 1970.

T. R. SARGENT,  
*Vice Admiral,*  
*U.S. Coast Guard,*  
*Acting Commandant.*

[F.R. Doc. 70-13808; Filed, Oct. 13, 1970; 8:49 a.m.]

(Federal Register of October 14, 1970.)

## Title 46 Changes

### **Chapter I—Coast Guard, Department of Transportation**

#### **SUBCHAPTER K—MARINE INVESTIGATIONS AND SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION PROCEEDINGS**

##### **PART 137—SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION PROCEEDINGS**

##### **Offenses Involving Narcotic or Dangerous Drugs**

A notice of rule making was published in the Federal Register of May 27, 1970 (35 F.R. 8291) and amended by a document published on June 10, 1970 (35 F.R. 8945) to revise § 137.03-3 and to add a new § 137.03-4. The notice proposed to extend the policy of requiring an order of revocation, presently applicable to offenses involving narcotic drugs, including marijuana, to include proven offenses involving the possession, use, sale or association with other dangerous drugs, not classified as narcotic drugs. The notice also proposed to authorize the examiner in cases involving marijuana to enter an order less than revocation whenever he is satisfied that the use, possession or association was the result of experimentation and the person charged submits satisfactory evidence that this use will not recur. Interested persons were invited to submit written comments on the proposal and to arrange for conferences with appropriate Coast Guard personnel. In addition to publication in the Federal Register, the notice was mailed to persons who had indicated a desire to be informed of notices of

proposed rule making. No conferences were requested and only one written comment was received. This comment favored the proposal. Accordingly, this document effectuates the proposal without change.

Part 137 is amended by revising § 137.03-3 and by adding § 137.03-4 to read as follows:

##### **§ 137.03-3 Possession of narcotics; prima facie case.**

When a charge of misconduct is supported by a specification alleging possession of narcotic drugs, including marijuana, or dangerous drugs, evidence of possession is enough to support a finding of misconduct, unless the examiner is satisfied by other evidence that the possession was not wrongful.

##### **§ 137.03-4 Offenses for which revocation of licenses or documents is mandatory.**

Whenever a charge of misconduct by virtue of the possession, use, sale or association with narcotic drugs, including marijuana, or dangerous drugs is found proved, the examiner shall enter an order revoking all licenses, certificates and documents held by such a person. However, in those cases involving marijuana, where the examiner is satisfied that the use, possession or association, was the result of experimentation by the person and that the person has submitted satisfactory evidence that such use will not recur, he may enter an order less than revocation.

(R.S. 4450, as amended, Sec. 6(b)(1), 80 Stat. 937; 46 U.S.C. 239, 49 U.S.C. 1655 (b)(1); 49 CFR 1.46(b) (35 F.R. 4959))

**Effective date.** This amendment shall become effective 30 days following the date of publication in the Federal Register.

Dated: October 14, 1970.

C. R. BENDER,  
*Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard,*  
*Commandant.*

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(Federal Register of October 20, 1970.)

### **Chapter I—Coast Guard, Department of Transportation**

#### **REPORTS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS**

A notice of proposed rule making was published in the Federal Register of October 29, 1969 (34 F.R. 17446) to amend Part 146 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations to include a requirement for the immediate reporting of serious incidents involving hazardous materials, as well as a requirement for reporting certain information concerning all hazardous materials incidents whether or not an immediate notification is required. The Merchant Marine Council held a public hearing on this proposal on January 12, 1970, in Washington, D.C. Interested persons were given the opportunity to submit written comments both before and at the public hearing and to make oral comments at the public hearing. A total of 19 written comments were received and three of the organizations making written comments also presented oral comments to the Council at the public hearing. At an executive session held on February 5, 1970, the assigned members of the Council duly considered the proposed amendments in the light of all the comments received.

A number of changes in the proposed amendments have been made as a result of the comments received from the public. Two comments pointed out that the proposal to amend Subchapter N of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations to include inflammable and combustible liquid cargoes in bulk is contrary to the basic statute and other regulations in Subchapter N. In fact, the statute which legislates with respect to the carriage of explosives or dangerous substances (R.S. 4472, as amended: 46 U.S.C. 170) and certain provisions of Subchapter N which regulates these substances when carried in a package, container, portable tank, highway or railroad vehicle expressly exclude from their purview the carriage of inflammable or combustible liquid cargoes in bulk. For this reason,

the Council recommended that the proposal to add these reporting requirements to Subchapter N be changed to add these requirements to Part 2 of Subchapter A, Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Subchapter A concerns procedures of the Coast Guard applicable to the public and Part 2 contains present reporting requirements for marine casualties. These requirements are not limited by the nature of the cargo carried by the vessel or by the fact that the vessel has no cargo at the time of the casualty. In addition to including the basic requirements in Part 2, instead of Part 146 as in the notice, this document also includes references to these basic requirements in Subchapters D, H, I, N, O, T, and U. This change is one of form only, and does not by itself involve any change of substance in the basic reporting requirements.

Several of the comments voiced strenuous objection to the proposed requirement that the personnel of tank vessels be required to answer 32 questions on the report form relating to each and every unintentional release, no matter how small and inconsequential, that might occur during the loading and discharging of petroleum or liquid chemical cargoes in bulk. In response to these comments, the Council recommended that the reporting requirements for the unintentional release of bulk hazardous materials be separated from those for the unintentional release of packaged hazardous materials. The following exceptions are included to the reporting requirements for the unintentional release of hazardous materials carried in bulk: (1) Minor release during gauging or sampling operation; (2) minor release resulting from leakage around gaskets, flanges, or packing; (3) release which is contained in a drip pan; (4) venting of cargo vapor during loading, and (5) other minor leakage which is readily correctible. It is considered that these exceptions will relieve the personnel of tankers from the need to report

unnecessary incidents. The further comment that the definition of hazardous materials be amended to delete the reference to "inflammable or combustible liquid cargo in bulk" was rejected by the Council. The acceptance of this suggestion would seriously weaken the fundamental objectives of this new reporting system.

The notice proposed that the immediate notification of the hazardous materials incident and the subsequent hazardous materials incident written report should be made to the Department of Transportation. The vast majority of the comments received objected to this provision and stressed that because of its operational and investigatory responsibilities, these reports should be made to the Coast Guard. In accordance with these comments the Council recommended that the immediate notification and the subsequent written report on Coast Guard Form CG 4752 of the unintentional release of bulk hazardous materials be made to the nearest District Commander of the Coast Guard; however, in order to have uniform reporting requirements within the Department of Transportation, the written report of the unintentional release of packaged hazardous materials shall be made on Form DOT F 5800.1 to the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Washington, D.C. 20590.

The notice defined hazardous materials as "explosives or other dangerous articles or substances" as well as "inflammable or combustible liquid cargo in bulk" as used in title 46, United States Code, sections 170 and 391a, respectively. The Council recommended that this definition be expanded by indicating ten categories of substances embraced within the term, hazardous materials. This addition does not alter the definition contained in the notice, but makes it more meaningful to the average person who will be required to give notice of these accidents.

The notice proposed the reporting of an incident, *inter alia*, in which as

a direct result of the hazardous materials it is estimated that the resumption of the normal operation of the vessel will be prevented for 2 hours or more. Several of the comments objected that this would require the reporting of many minor incidents. In response to these comments the Council concluded that there is justification for limiting the criteria for immediate notification and recommended that a change be made to the proposal. After consultation with the Department of Transportation's other operating administrations, the following changes in the criteria for immediate notification have been made: where an injured person is involved, hospitalization is the current criteria instead of the previous criteria of emergency medical treatment away from the scene of the incident; vessel or other property damage, or both, has been increased from the previous criteria of \$5,000 to \$50,000; and the requirement for notification where it is estimated that the resumption of normal operation of the vessel will be prevented for 2 hours or more has been eliminated and a new criteria has been established requiring notification of the incident if it is of such significance as to warrant reporting even though it does not involve a fatality, serious injury, property damage in excess of \$50,000, or a continuing danger to life.

Accordingly, after due consideration of all the relevant matter, including the comments of interested persons and the recommendations of the Merchant Marine Council, the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard has approved the amendments.

(Federal Register of October 31, 1970.)

#### AFFIDAVITS

The following affidavits were accepted during the period from September 15 to October 15, 1970:

*Conval-Ohio Inc.*, 275 Main St., Wadsworth, Ohio 44281, VALVES and FLANGES.

*Andale Co.*, 135 East Hancock St., Lansdale, Pa. 19446, VALVES.



## MERCHANT MARINE SAFETY PUBLICATIONS

The following publications of marine safety rules and regulations may be obtained from the nearest marine inspection office of the U.S. Coast Guard. Because changes to the rules and regulations are made from time to time, these publications, between revisions, must be kept current by the individual consulting the latest applicable Federal Register. (Official changes to all Federal rules and regulations are published in the Federal Register, printed daily except Sunday, Monday, and days following holidays.) The date of each Coast Guard publication in the table below is indicated in parentheses following its title. The dates of the Federal Registers affecting each publication are noted after the date of each edition.

The Federal Register will be furnished by mail to subscribers, free of postage, for \$2.50 per month or \$25 per year, payable in advance. The charge for individual copies is 20 cents for each issue, or 20 cents for each group of pages as actually bound. Remit check or money order, made payable to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Regulations for Dangerous Cargoes, 46 CFR 146 and 147 (Subchapter N), dated January 1, 1970 are now available from the Superintendent of Documents price: \$3.75.

CG No.	TITLE OF PUBLICATION
101	Specimen Examination for Merchant Marine Deck Officers (7-1-63).
108	Rules and Regulations for Military Explosives and Hazardous Munitions (5-1-68). F.R. 6-7-68, 2-12-69, 10-29-69.
115	Marine Engineering Regulations and Material Specifications (3-1-66). F.R. 12-18-68, 6-17-70.
123	Rules and Regulations for Tank Vessels (5-1-69). F.R. 10-29-69, 2-25-70, 6-17-70, 10-31-70.
129	Proceedings of the Merchant Marine Council (Monthly).
169	Rules of the Road—International—Inland (9-1-65). F.R. 12-8-65, 12-22-65, 2-5-66, 3-15-66, 7-30-66, 8-2-66, 9-7-66, 10-22-66, 5-11-67, 12-23-67, 6-4-68, 10-29-69, 11-29-69.
172	Rules of the Road—Great Lakes (9-1-66). F.R. 7-4-69, 8-4-70.
174	A Manual for the Safe Handling of Inflammable and Combustible Liquids (3-2-64).
175	Manual for Lifeboatmen, Able Seamen, and Qualified Members of Engine Department (3-1-65).
176	Load Line Regulations (1-3-66). F.R. 12-6-66, 1-6-67, 9-27-67, 7-12-68, 6-5-69, 7-26-69, 10-29-69.
182	Specimen Examinations for Merchant Marine Engineer Licenses (7-1-63).
184	Rules of the Road—Western Rivers (9-1-66). F.R. 9-7-66, 5-11-67, 12-23-67, 6-4-68, 11-29-69.
190	Equipment Lists (8-1-68). F.R. 11-7-68, 11-8-68, 11-16-68, 11-19-68, 11-20-68, 12-11-68, 12-18-68, 2-11-69, 2-18-69, 2-21-69, 2-26-69, 3-15-69, 3-27-69, 4-4-69, 4-12-69, 4-19-69, 4-25-69, 4-26-69, 4-28-69, 5-3-69, 5-9-69, 6-18-69, 6-19-69, 7-1-69, 7-15-69, 7-17-69, 9-12-69, 9-25-69, 10-10-69, 10-11-69, 10-22-69, 10-31-69, 11-19-69, 12-13-69, 1-27-70, 1-30-70, 2-3-70, 2-26-70, 3-11-70, 3-14-70, 3-25-70, 4-14-70, 5-7-70, 5-27-70, 7-18-70, 7-21-70, 8-15-70, 9-29-70.
191	Rules and Regulations for Licensing and Certifying of Merchant Marine Personnel (5-1-68). F.R. 11-28-68, 4-30-70, 6-17-70.
200	Marine Investigation Regulations and Suspension and Revocation Proceedings (5-1-67). F.R. 3-30-68, 4-30-70, 10-20-70.
220	Specimen Examination Questions for Licenses as Master, Mate, and Pilot of Central Western Rivers Vessels (4-1-57).
227	Laws Governing Marine Inspection (3-1-65).
239	Security of Vessels and Waterfront Facilities (5-1-68). F.R. 10-29-69, 5-15-70, 9-11-70.
249	Merchant Marine Council Public Hearing Agenda (Annually).
256	Rules and Regulations for Passenger Vessels (5-1-69). F.R. 10-29-69, 2-25-70, 4-30-70, 6-17-70, 10-31-70.
257	Rules and Regulations for Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels (8-1-69). F.R. 10-29-69, 2-25-70, 4-22-70, 4-30-70, 6-17-70, 10-31-70.
258	Rules and Regulations for Uninspected Vessels (5-1-70).
259	Electrical Engineering Regulations (3-1-67). F.R. 12-20-67, 12-27-67, 1-27-68, 4-12-68, 12-18-68, 12-28-68, 10-29-69, 2-25-70, 4-30-70.
266	Rules and Regulations for Bulk Grain Cargoes (5-1-68). F.R. 12-4-69.
268	Rules and Regulations for Manning of Vessels (5-1-67). F.R. 4-12-68, 4-30-70.
293	Miscellaneous Electrical Equipment List (9-3-68).
320	Rules and Regulations for Artificial Islands and Fixed Structures on the Outer Continental Shelf (11-1-68). F.R. 12-17-68, 10-29-69.
323	Rules and Regulations for Small Passenger Vessels (Under 100 Gross Tons) (7-1-69). F.R. 10-29-69, 2-25-70, 4-30-70, 10-31-70.
329	Fire Fighting Manual for Tank Vessels (7-1-68).

### CHANGES PUBLISHED DURING OCTOBER 1970

The following have been modified by Federal Registers:

CG-200, Federal Register, October 20, 1970.

CG-123, CG-256, CG-257, CG-323; and Subchapters A, N, O and U of Title 46 CFR, Federal Register, October 31, 1970.

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