

## MEASUREMENT ORGANIZATION INFORMATIONAL NOTES - 04/21/2021

**OPEN SPACE PROGRESSION** The Marine Safety Center (MSC) recently responded to an inquiry regarding open space progression from a qualifying end opening in a stepped structure. Our response noted that, per § 69.117(d)(2)(vi) of MTN 01-99 CH-10, if a structure has more than one compartment, only that portion of the compartment with a qualifying opening and whose deck is no more than two feet above the associated exterior deck at the end opening is considered “open to weather”.

**OVERSIGHT MATERIALS** As a reminder, measurement organizations must provide the MSC with complete copies of tonnage files selected for oversight, in accordance with MTN 01-98 CH-13. Please ensure that all relevant tonnage file documents are included when submitting materials. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marcus Akins.

**CHANGE OF COMMAND** On Friday, April 16, 2021, the MSC welcomed Captain Robert C. Compher as its 14<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer. He relieved Captain Scott J. Kelly during a ceremony at the Department of Homeland Security’s St. Elizabeths Campus that was presided over by the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, Rear Admiral Richard V. Timme. The change of command was followed by a retirement ceremony celebrating Captain Kelly’s 28 years of honorable service.



CAPT Robert C. Compher (left) relieves CAPT Scott J. Kelly (right) as MSC Commanding Officer before the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, RDML Richard V. Timme



CAPT Robert C. Compher USCG



CAPT Scott J. Kelly USCG

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