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§ 109.503 Emergency signals.

(a) Emergency stations signals are established as follows:
(1) The signal to man emergency stations is a rapid succession of short soundings of both the general alarm bell and the whistle, if a whistle is installed, for a period of not less than 10 seconds.
(2) The signal to secure from emergency stations is the sounding of both the general alarm bell and the whistle, if a whistle is installed, three times.

(b) The abandon unit stations signals are established as follows:
(1) The signal to man abandon unit stations is a continuous sounding of both the general alarm and the whistle, if a whistle is installed.
(2) If whistle signals are used to direct the handling of lifeboats and
§ 109.521 davit-launched liferafts, they must be—
(i) One short blast to lower the lifeboats and davit-launched liferafts; and
(ii) Two short blasts to stop lowering the lifeboats and davit-launched liferafts.
(3) The signal to secure from abandon unit stations is the sounding of both the general alarm bell and the whistle, if a whistle is installed, three times.


Subpart F—Cranes
§ 109.521 Cranes: General.
The master or person in charge shall ensure that each crane is operated and maintained in accordance with the API Recommended Practice for Operation and Maintenance of Offshore Cranes, API RP 2D, First Edition (Oct. 1972) with supplement 1.

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.

Subpart G—Miscellaneous
§ 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