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Subpart 189.27—Annual and Periodic Inspections

§ 189.27-1 Annual inspection.
(a) Your vessel must undergo an annual inspection within the 3 months before or after each anniversary date, except as specified in §189.27-5.
(b) You must contact the cognizant OCMI to schedule an inspection at a time and place which he or she approves. No written application is required.
(c) The scope of the annual inspection is the same as the inspection for certification, as specified in §189.25-10, but in less detail unless the cognizant marine inspector finds deficiencies or determines that a major change has occurred since the last inspection. If deficiencies are found or a major change to the vessel has occurred, the marine inspector will conduct an inspection more detailed in scope to ensure that the vessel is in satisfactory condition and fit for the service for which it is intended. If your vessel passes the annual inspection, the marine inspector will endorse your current Certificate of Inspection.
(d) If the annual inspection reveals deficiencies in your vessel’s maintenance, you must make any or all repairs or improvements within the time period specified by the OCMI.
(e) Nothing in this subpart limits the marine inspector from conducting such tests or inspections he or she deems necessary to be assured of the vessel’s seaworthiness.

§ 189.27-5 Periodic inspection.
(a) Your vessel must undergo a periodic inspection within 3 months before or after the second or third anniversary of the date of your vessel’s Certificate of Inspection. This periodic inspection will take the place of an annual inspection.
(b) You must contact the cognizant OCMI to schedule an inspection at a time and place which he or she approves. No written application is required.
(c) The scope of the periodic inspection is the same as that for the inspection for certification, as specified in §189.25-10. The OCMI will insure that the vessel is in satisfactory condition and fit for the service for which it is intended. If your vessel passes the periodic inspection, the marine inspector will endorse your current Certificate of Inspection.
(d) If the periodic inspection reveals deficiencies in your vessel’s maintenance, you must make any or all repairs or improvements within the time period specified by the OCMI.
(e) Nothing in this subpart limits the marine inspector from conducting such tests or inspections he or she deems necessary to be assured of the vessel’s seaworthiness.

§ 189.27-10 Certificate of Inspection: Conditions of validity.
To maintain a valid Certificate of Inspection, you must complete your annual and periodic inspections within the periods specified in §§189.27-1 and 189.27-5 respectively, and your Certificate of Inspection must be endorsed.

Subpart 189.30—Inspection After Accident

§ 189.30-1 General or partial survey.
(a) A survey, either general or partial, according to the circumstances, shall be made every time an accident occurs or a defect is discovered which affects the safety of the vessel or the efficacy or completeness of its lifesaving appliances, firefighting or other equipment, or whenever any important repairs or renewals are made. The survey shall be such as to insure that the necessary repairs or renewals have been effectively made, that the material and the workmanship of such repairs or renewals are in all respects satisfactory, and that the vessel complies in all respects with the regulations in this subchapter.

Subpart 189.33—Sanitary Inspections

§ 189.33-1 When made.
(a) An inspection of quarters, toilet and washing spaces, serving pantries,