

(c) Each access to a helicopter landing area must be marked: "BEWARE OF TAIL ROTOR".

(d) Each marking required by this section must be in letters at least 7.5 centimeters (3 inches) high.

§ 108.655 Operating instructions.

Each unit must have posters or signs displayed in the vicinity of each survival craft and the survival craft's launching controls that—

- (a) Illustrate the purpose of controls;
- (b) Illustrate the procedures for operating the launching device;
- (c) Give relevant instructions or warnings;
- (d) Can be easily seen under emergency lighting conditions; and
- (e) Display symbols in accordance with IMO Resolution A.760(18).

[CGD 84-069, 61 FR 25299, May 20, 1996]

§ 108.657 Unit markings.

The hull of each unit must be marked in accordance with Parts 67 and 69 of this chapter.

§ 108.659 Lifesaving signal instructions.

On all vessels to which this subpart applies, there must be readily available to the offshore installation manager, master, or person in charge a placard containing instructions for the use of the lifesaving signals set forth in regulation 16, chapter V, of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974. These signals must be used by vessels or persons in distress when communicating with lifesaving stations and maritime rescue units.

[CGD 95-027, 61 FR 26008, May 23, 1996]

§ 108.661 Unit markings: Draft marks.

(a) Each unit must have draft marks for each foot of immersion—

- (1) If the unit is a surface unit, on both the port and starboard sides of the stem and the stern-post or rudderpost or at any other place at the stern of the unit as may be necessary for easy observance;
- (2) If the unit is a self-elevating unit, near each corner of the hull but not more than 4 required; and
- (3) If the unit is a column-stabilized unit, on each corner column, con-

tinuing to the footing or lower displacement hull.

(b) The bottom of each mark must be at the draft indicated by that mark.

(c) Each mark must be—

- (1) In numerals 15 centimeters (6 inches) high; and
- (2) In contrasting color to the background.

(d) For the purposes of this section, "draft" means the distance from the bottom of the keel or the lowest shell plate on the outer surface of the unit to the surface of the water, except that where a unit has a permanent appendage extending below the bottom of the keel, "draft" means the distance from the lowest part of the appendage to the surface of the water.

(e) In cases where draft marks are obscured due to operational constraints or by protrusions, the vessel must be fitted with a reliable draft indicating system from which the draft can be determined.

[CGD 73-251, 43 FR 56808, Dec. 4, 1978, as amended by CGD 89-037, 57 FR 41823, Sept. 11, 1992]

§ 108.663 Unit markings: Load line.

Each unit that is assigned a load line must have the load line marked in accordance with Part 42 of this chapter.

§ 108.665 Appliances for watertight integrity.

Each watertight door, scuttle, and hatch required for watertight integrity, which may be opened during normal operations must be marked in letters of contrasting color to the background "KEEP CLOSED".

Subpart H—Miscellaneous Equipment

§ 108.697 Buoyant work vests.

(a) Each buoyant work vest on a unit must be approved under Subpart 160.053 or Subpart 160.077 of this chapter.

(b) Commercial hybrid PFD's carried as work vests must be—

- (1) Used, stowed, and maintained in accordance with the procedures set out in the manual required for these devices by §160.077-29 of this chapter and any limitation(s) market on them; and
- (2) Of the same or similar design and have the same method of operation as

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each other hybrid PFD carried on board.

[CGD 78-174A, 51 FR 4351, Feb. 4, 1986]

§ 108.699 Substitution of life preservers.

A work vest may not be substituted for a required life preserver—

(a) For the life saving equipment requirements of this part; or

(b) For use during drills and emergencies.

§ 108.701 Sounding equipment.

Each self-propelled unit must have a mechanical or electronic sounding apparatus.

§ 108.703 Self-contained breathing apparatus.

(a) Each unit must be equipped with a self-contained breathing apparatus described in §108.497(a) to use as protection against gas leaking from a refrigeration unit if it is equipped with any refrigeration unit using—

(1) Ammonia to refrigerate any space with a volume of more than 20 cubic feet; or

(2) Fluorocarbons to refrigerate any space with a volume of more than 1000 cubic feet.

(b) The self-contained breathing apparatus required in §108.497 may be used for this purpose.

[CGD 73-251, 43 FR 56808, Dec. 4, 1978, as amended by CGD 86-036, 57 FR 48326, Oct. 23, 1992]

§ 108.705 Anchors, chains, wire rope, and hawsers.

(a) Each unit must be fitted with anchors, chains, wire rope, and hawsers in agreement with the standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping.

(b) Units which are equipped with anchors used as operational equipment are not required to have additional anchors if the operational anchors meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section.

[CGD 73-251, 43 FR 56808, Dec. 4, 1978, as amended by USCG-1999-6216, 64 FR 53226, Oct. 1, 1999]

§ 108.707 First aid kit.

Each unit must have a first-aid kit approved by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (Formerly Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration) of a size suitable for the number of persons allowed on board the unit that is stowed in a location that is accessible to persons on board.

§ 108.709 Litter.

Each unit must have a litter that is—

(a) Stowed in a location that is accessible to the persons on board; and

(b) Capable of being used on the type of helicopters serving the unit.

§ 108.713 International Code of Signals.

Each vessel on an international voyage which is required to carry a radiotelegraph or radiotelephone installation in accordance with Chapter IV of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention, 1960, must carry the International Code of Signals.

§ 108.715 Magnetic compass and gyrocompass.

(a) Each self-propelled unit in ocean or coastwise service must have a magnetic compass.

(b) Each self-propelled unit of 1,600 gross tons and over in ocean or coastwise service must have a gyrocompass in addition to the magnetic compass required in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) Each unit that is required to have a gyrocompass must have an illuminated repeater for the gyrocompass that is at the main steering stand unless the gyrocompass is illuminated and is at the main steering stand.

§ 108.717 Radar.

Each self-propelled unit of 1,600 gross tons and over in ocean or coastwise service must have—

(a) A marine radar system for surface navigation; and

(b) Facilities on the bridge for plotting radar readings.

§ 108.719 Pilot boarding equipment.

(a) This section applies to each vessel that normally embarks or disembarks a pilot from a pilot boat or other vessel.