

LARA MARIE CRIDER-Safety NO. Crew No. 784, She is a diver.

She was on her cabin, B-1057, on starboard side, near stair tower two. She heard the codes being called. She heard a loud noise but she is always hearing loud noises on embarkation day. Upon hearing the codes she got up because one of her duties is to help the passengers when needed.

Her duty was to go to Station 15. Because of her English fluency and because she is assertive she goes to help take the muster. She is a member of the team, not the leader. So after hearing Code Alpha then Code Bravo she started grabbing what was needed. There was not much time between the two codes, then she heard 7 short 1 long code.

That sends her to Station 15, the Sports Bar on the International Deck. The passengers were there maybe an hour and a half. The passengers were allowed to leave, but the crew was not permitted to leave. After that the captain said that they didn't have to stay there but she was not allowed to go back to her cabin since it was on Biscayne and those on Biscayne were not allowed to go to their rooms.

She participates in the drills, which are practiced every Sun. She has been on the Norway two months this time, and was on the Norway a few years ago. She worked about a year then took a year's vacation, then returned here, all on NCL lines. She had another two months to go on her contract.

Every time you join a ship you get two days of training, they walk you to where you stand and show you where to go for abandon ship. You must demonstrate that you know how to go from your workstation and cabin to your emergency muster, and must pass a test. You are pretty much just in training the first two days. She has been through the training twice on the Norway and once each on Sky, Sea (2x), Sun, Dream, Norway (2x).

You also get training in first aid.

She has been a scuba instructor lived in St. Croix and her daughter was about to start college so she joined the cruise ship to make more money. Her department is the diving department.

Training is pretty much exactly the same, except for the layout. Seems to be pretty standard. Each time anywhere from 10 to 25 in the classes. You can always hear the training. Training is conducted in English, those who cannot take the written test, will be read the test. Has taken a few semesters of college. A lot of the people who do the menial jobs are quite bright, they can speak English.

Regardless of the language there are videos that they are seeing, and all students physically open and close the FSDs, and the watertight doors. Language is not a barrier for that.