

Title: BRIDGE TRANSIT	Issue Date: August 1, 2012	Last Revised: March 8, 2018	Procedure Number: VOP-4.5
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(This policy has been revised in its entirety.)

1.0 PURPOSE:

This procedure provides guidelines for bridge transit and consistent navigation practices that help to safeguard crewmembers, equipment and the environment.

0.0 SCOPE:

This applies to all company owned and operated vessels, unless otherwise stated.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITY:

- 3.1 The Vice President of Vessel Operations should make reasonable efforts to implement this procedure and see that wheelhouse personnel are aware of the requirements outlined in this procedure.
- 3.2 The vessel Captain should make reasonable efforts to see that the wheelhouse person on watch is aware of the requirements described in this procedure.
- 3.3 The wheelhouse person on watch is responsible for following the requirements described in this procedure
- 3.4 The wheelhouse person on watch must be validly licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard for the geographical area of operation and must maintain such licenses aboard the vessel while navigating.

4.0 GENERAL PROCEDURE:

- 4.1 If there is a question regarding the safe transit of a bridge, the wheelhouse person responsible for the transit is to abort the approach and stop or turn the vessel around while it is still safe to do so. Should the wheelhouse person on watch decide to turn around, the following options are also available:
 - 4.1.1 Await improved conditions before attempting a second transit.