

MASTER'S STANDING ORDERS

CALL THE MASTER AT ANY TIME WHEN IN DOUBT AS TO WHAT ACTION TO TAKE IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY OF CREW, VESSEL AND/OR THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to set forth the master's Standing Orders aboard BONNIE G

2. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the Master to establish standing orders and then to ensure that all Deck Officers are aware of these orders.

3. General

- Bridge and navigation watch keeping is the most important activity on board the vessel. The safety of the vessel and all who sail in her is dependant upon you, the Watch Officer. The safety and security of the vessel, crew takes priority over all other activity. Nothing we do takes precedence over this responsibility.
- As Watch Officer, you will pay particular attention to the observance of the COLREGS, as well as all applicable laws and rules which apply, especially those concerning vessels in restricted visibility when required.
- Bridge, navigation and communication equipment is constantly changing; you must keep up with these changes and be familiar with the operation of all equipment and instruments at your disposal. You are required to possess a "GMDSS" license; additionally you are required to know and operate the related equipment, especially the procedures for handling and generating distress traffic.
- Pass all contacts at a safe distance with special care for the prevailing conditions and situation at hand. Remember, radar and "ARPA:" are only an aid, they can fail; trust your eyes, take bearings. Trust no fishing vessel. Be on guard for all other vessels in close quarters situations. Make every attempt to establish meeting and passing agreements well in advance in order to avoid actions in extremis. Feel free to maneuver the vessel as required or needed at any time. Radar will not always pick up all contacts. A proper lookout must be maintained at all times and in all directions. You are the licensed radar observer not the seaman. We need that pair of eyes looking out!
- Radar, as well as all other instruments and equipment at your disposal, are tools for the Watch Officer. Adjustments and settings are under your control. Do not allow them to be changed without your permission. Check your settings frequently, a fraction of a second's power loss can cause some instruments and equipment to revert to default settings without you knowing it.

- Safety first! Ensure that conditions are always safe for working, especially on deck. See to it that all personnel in need are provided with the proper safety equipment and instruction for the task at hand.
- Check all electronic navigation units against one another frequently and plot ship's position on paper chart periodically to keep a good position maintained.
- Check your radios for proper frequencies and volume levels on a regular basis. Do not allow yourself to get distracted from your watch keeping duties for any reason, including the radio room, chart room or science requests. They can all wait. Call the Master if you need help.
- You oversee the watch until properly relieved. The Master's presence on the bridge does not change this unless s/he has announced that s/he has the conn. If you are in doubt or are uncertain, ask.
- Special precautions must be taken in heavy weather as well as during periods of reduced visibility. In heavy weather, you must check deck loads and bindings and lashings frequently. Make sure all gear is properly secured. Check to see that all watertight doors and vents are secured as needed. Send the seamen below as conditions allow for rounds of the ship from stem to stern to ensure that the vessel is safe and secure. Do not hesitate to slow the vessel if needed.
- The engineer on watch is required to check in with the Bridge on a regular basis for safety checks. See that s/he does. The engineer works alone and there is no one to keep an eye out for him/her.
- See that all persons on board abide by the MARPOL regulations regarding dumping of garbage at sea. Keep the trash log accurate and up to date as required.
- Watches underway are to be stood (upright); all discussions and conversations with others should be kept to a minimum to avoid distraction. Visitors will not normally be allowed on the Bridge when nearing or leaving port or during periods of restricted visibility near the coast or in traffic areas.
- Use common sense: if you have any questions, if you are in doubt or are uncertain of what to do, call the Master.

- A copy of these orders shall be always maintained on the bridge. If changes other than temporary changes need to be made, then a copy of these orders shall be sent to the Port Office for incorporation into the next revision of this manual.

Master:

Date: