

Standing Orders to Watchkeepers

Dulcinea

THE SAFETY OF THE CREW AND THE BOAT REST WITH THE WACHSTANDER.

- 1. STAND ON ALERT WATCH.** Do not let others or activities interfere with watchstanding. While on watch, this is your primary responsibility.
- 2. IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, NOTIFY ME BEFORE MAKING A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. BUT DO TAKE EMERGENCY ACTION TO AVOID COLLISION, GROUNDING, OR OTHER HAZZARD. NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS SAFELY POSSIBLE.**
- 3. BE VIGILANT.** Keep a careful lookout in all directions. COLREGS requires a continuous lookout using all available means (sight, smell, hearing, etc..)
- 4. BE THOUROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE NAVIGATION SITUATION.** Understand where you are when you assume the watch and maintain the navigation plot while on watch.. Navigation log to be completed every two hours. Verify the boats course frequently especially when using the autopilot.
- 5. WEAR A HARNESS AND REMAIN CLIPPED TO THE BOAT FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE OR AT ANYTIME THAT THE BOAT IS BEING SAILED WITH A REEF.** Anyone topside during this period must wear a harness. Let no one leave the cockpit during darkness unless securely tethered to a jackline before leaving the cockpit. Also, wear some kind of PFD. Know where your watchmates are at all times. No one leaves the cockpit at these times without another person on deck and informed as to their intentions.
- 6. BEFORE ASSUMING THE WATCH, BE SURE YOU KNOW THE SITUATION:** sail combination, preventers are rigged?, boat's location, weather trends, ships in area, any inoperative equipment, readiness of safety equipment, course being steered, any projected plan.. This information is to be shared with relief Watchstander.
- 7. KEEP A CAREFUL EYE ON THE WEATHER.** Be alert to changes in weather. Listen to broadcasts.
- 8. COMPLETE LOG BOOK AT THE END OF EVERY WATCH**
- 9. CALL ME IF** A contact will have a close CPA, A significant course, speed, or sail change seems warranted, There is a sudden change of weather conditions, You are in doubt or anything seems amiss, or if you need assistance for any task

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8:00AM Watch Special Instructions

- Complete Deck Log Systems Checks
- Run Generator to recharge Batteries
- Deck walk around to make sure nothing changed over the night
- Replace any batteries that were running low over the night
- Listen to WEATHER

8:00 PM Watch Special Instructions

- Prepare for nighttime watches.
- Determine Sails for Night and get boat set up.
- Straighten up Cockpit and insure rest of boat is ready (nothing loose or laying around). Organize all lines and halyards
- Deck walk around
- Close all hatches and put in main hatch boards w/ bungee
- Check Running Lights and turn on.
- Listen to WEATHER