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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOSS OF MAIN PROPULSION

In accordance with 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 4.05-1(a) (3) "a loss of main propulsion, primary steering, or any associated component or control system that reduces the maneuverability of the vessel" is a Reportable Marine Casualty. As a reminder, in accordance with 46 CFR 4.05-1, Reportable Marine Casualties shall be reported to the U.S. Coast Guard "immediately after the addressing of resultant safety concerns". Subsequently, in accordance with 46 CFR 4.05-10, a written report on Form CG-2692 (Report of Marine Accident, Injury or Death) must be sent to the U.S. Coast Guard within five days after the incident.

There are several causal factors that lead to a loss of propulsion or a reduction in vessel maneuverability. An example of a few of the causal factors are poor fuel switching procedures, inadequate maintenance of related systems, equipment and components, lack of training and/or inadequate manning.

Typically a Third Party Surveyor which could be a Classification Society Surveyor or a Technician provides a survey report attesting to the corrective actions taken and certification that the vessel is safe to transit. The root cause / causal factors also need to be addressed in the report. The survey report should provide the cause that led to the loss of propulsion / reduction in maneuverability. This survey is a valuable and informative resource that is of great assistance to U.S. Coast Guard Marine Casualty Investigators during the investigation process to thoroughly determine the cause of the incident, initiate the necessary corrective actions, and to eliminate / reduce recurrences to safeguard lives at sea and the environment.

If you have any questions about Marine Casualty reporting requirements, please contact Sector New Orleans' Investigations Division at 504-270-6481.

**To report a Marine Casualty please contact U.S. Coast Guard Sector New Orleans immediately via the following: Radio: VHF-FM Channel 16, 67(VTS), or 12(VTS)
Phone: 504-846-5923(Command Center) or 504-589-2780(VTS).**

CG-2692s can be sent via: E-mail: NewOrleansIO@uscg.mil
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