

**46 CFR Part 97**

Cargo vessels, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**46 CFR Part 108**

Fire prevention, Marine safety, Occupational safety and health, Oil and gas exploration, Vessels.

**46 CFR Part 109**

Marine safety, Occupational safety and health, Oil and gas exploration, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels.

**46 CFR Part 153**

Administrative practice and procedure, Cargo vessels, Hazardous materials transportation, Marine safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Water pollution control.

**46 CFR Part 160**

Marine safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**46 CFR Part 162**

Fire Prevention, Marine safety, Oil pollution, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**46 CFR Part 164**

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**46 CFR Part 167**

Fire prevention, Marine safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Schools, Seamen, Vessels.

**46 CFR Part 168**

Occupational safety and health, Schools, Seamen, Vessels.

**46 CFR Part 169**

Fire prevention, Marine safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Schools, Vessels.

**46 CFR Part 190**

Fire prevention, Marine safety, Occupational safety and health, Oceanographic research vessels.

**46 CFR Part 193**

Fire prevention, Marine safety, Oceanographic research vessels.

**46 CFR Part 196**

Marine safety, Oceanographic research vessels, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 46 CFR Parts 26, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38, 54, 56, 61, 72, 76, 77, 78, 92, 95, 96, 97, 108, 109, 153, 160, 162, 164, 167,

168, 169, 189, 190, 193, and 196 as follows:

**PART 26—OPERATIONS**

1. The authority citation for Part 26 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 3306, 4104, 6101, 8105; E.O. 12234, 45 FR 58801, 3 CFR, 1980 Comp., p. 277.; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. In § 26.15–1, paragraphs (a) and (b) are removed, paragraph (c) is redesignated as paragraph (b), and a new paragraph (a) is added to read as follows:

**§ 26.15–1 May board at any time.**

(a) To facilitate the boarding of vessels by the commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the U.S. Coast Guard in the exercise of their authority, every uninspected vessel, as defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101(43), if underway and upon being hailed by a Coast Guard vessel, shall stop immediately and lay to, or shall maneuver in such a way as to permit the Coast Guard boarding officer to come aboard. Failure to permit a Coast Guard boarding officer to board a vessel or refusal to comply will subject the operator or owner of the vessel to the penalties provided in law.

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**PART 31—INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION**

3. The authority citation for Part 31 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(j); 46 U.S.C. 2103, 3306; 49 U.S.C. 5103, 5106; E.O. 12234, 45 FR 58801, 3 CFR, 1980 Comp., p. 277; E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR 1991 Comp., p. 351; 49 CFR 1.46. Section 31.10–21a also issued under the authority of Sect. 4109, Pub. L. 101–380, 104 Stat. 515.

**§ 31.10–15 [Amended]**

4. In § 31.10–15, paragraph (a) is amended by removing the words “and in the case of nuclear vessels, at least once every year”.

**PART 32—SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, AND HULL REQUIREMENTS**

5. The authority citation for Part 32 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 2103, 3306, 3703; E.O. 12234, 45 FR 58801, 3 CFR, 1980 Comp., p. 277; 49 CFR 1.46; Subpart 32.59 also under the authority of Sect. 4109, Pub. L. 101–380, 104 Stat. 515.

6. Section 32.02–5 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 32.02–5 Communication between deckhouses—TB/OCLB.**

On all tank vessels where the distance between deckhouses is more than 46 m

(150 ft), a fixed means of facilitating communication between both ends of the vessel, such as a raised fore and aft bridge or side tunnels, shall be provided. Previously approved arrangements may be retained so long as they are maintained in satisfactory condition to the satisfaction of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

**§ 32.05–5 [Amended]**

7. In § 32.05–5, the words “fire hose, fire axes,” are removed.

8. Section 32.15–10 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 32.15–10 Sounding machines—T/OCL.**

All mechanically propelled vessels in ocean or coastwise service of 500 gross tons and over, and all mechanically propelled vessels in Great Lakes service of 500 gross tons and over certificated for service on the River St. Lawrence eastward of the lower exit of the St. Lambert Lock at Montreal, Canada, shall be fitted with an efficient electronic deep-sea sounding apparatus.

9. Subpart 32.40 is revised to read as follows:

**Subpart 32.40—Accommodations for Officers and Crew**

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32.40–1 Application—TB/ALL.

32.40–5 General—T/ALL.

32.40–10 Restrictions—T/ALL.

32.40–15 Location of crew spaces—T/ALL.

32.40–20 Arrangement of sleeping spaces—T/ALL.

32.40–25 Size of sleeping spaces—T/ALL.

32.40–30 Berths and lockers—T/ALL.

32.40–35 Wash spaces; toilet spaces; and shower spaces—T/ALL.

32.40–40 Messrooms—T/ALL.

32.40–45 Hospital spaces—T/ALL.

32.40–50 Miscellaneous accommodation spaces—T/ALL.

32.40–55 Heating requirements—T/ALL.

32.40–60 Inspect screens—T/ALL.

32.40–65 Crew accommodations on tankships of less than 100 gross tons and manned tank barges—TB/ALL.

32.40–70 Crew accommodations on tankships constructed before June 15, 1987—T/ALL.

**§ 32.40–1 Application—TB/ALL.**

(a) The provisions of this subpart, with the exception of § 32.40–70 and § 32.40–90, apply to all tankships of 100 gross tons and over constructed on or after June 15, 1987.

(b) Tankships of less than 100 gross tons and manned tank barges must meet the requirements of § 32.40–70.

(c) Tankships of 100 gross tons and over constructed prior to June 15, 1987, must meet the requirements of § 32.40–90.

**§ 32.40–5 General—T/ALL.**

The accommodations provided for the crew, including both officers and