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### **MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN (MSIB) 019-26** **REMINDER OF MARINE CASUALTY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville has experienced an increase in delayed notice and incorrect reporting of marine casualties. The Captain of the Port (COTP) is releasing this bulletin to remind all commercial vessel owners, operators, agents, masters, and persons-in-charge of their responsibility to report marine casualties. Timely and accurate reporting is critical for ensuring the safety of life at sea, protecting the marine environment, and enabling prompt response and investigation for vessels operating within the Sector Jacksonville COTP Zone.

#### **IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION**

As required by Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 4.05-1, after addressing any resultant safety concerns, you must immediately notify the nearest U.S. Coast Guard Sector based on the location in which the incident occurred. For foreign flagged vessels, incidents are only considered "Reportable Marine Casualties" if they occur within U.S. waters. For any vessel with a potential hazardous condition or limitation, and if not required to report by 46 CFR 4.05-1, notifications shall be made to the Cognizant COTP through submission of a Notice of Arrival or via phone call to the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville Command Center at (904) 714-7557 prior to entering port.

Reportable Marine Casualties include, but are not limited to:

<i>Casualty Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
Loss of Life	The death of any person.
Injury	An injury requiring professional medical treatment beyond first aid that renders a crewmember unfit for duty or requires professional medical treatment for a passenger.
Property Damage	Damage to property in excess of \$75,000.
Propulsion or Steering Failure	Loss of main propulsion, primary steering, or any associated component that reduces the maneuverability of the vessel.
Impact on Seaworthiness	Any occurrence that materially and adversely affects the vessel's seaworthiness or fitness for service, including fire, flooding, or failure of lifesaving or firefighting equipment.
Grounding or Allision	Any unintended grounding or unintended strike of a bridge.
Environmental Harm	An occurrence involving significant harm to the environment.

## **REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION**

When providing the initial notification to the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville Command Center, or nearest U.S. Coast Guard Sector based on the location in which the incident occurred, please be prepared to furnish the following information as detailed in 46 CFR 4.05-5:

- Name and official number of the vessel(s) involved;
- Name of the vessel's owner or agent;
- Nature and circumstances of the casualty;
- Location of the casualty;
- Nature and extent of injuries to persons; and
- Damage to property.

## **WRITTEN REPORT**

Following the immediate notification, a written report of any marine casualty required to be reported under 46 CFR 4.05-1 must be provided on Form CG-2692 (Report of Marine Casualty, Commercial Diving Casualty, or OCS-Related Casualty) only when requested by a U.S. Coast Guard Investigating Officer. It must be delivered to U.S. Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Canaveral, or nearest U.S. Coast Guard Sector based on the location in which the incident occurred, within five days of the incident.

If the incident is determined to be a "Serious Marine Incident" (SMI) as defined in 46 CFR 4.03-2, including events such as a death, injury, or property damage exceeding \$200,000, the marine employer shall determine whether there is any evidence of alcohol or drug use by individuals directly involved in the casualty. When a marine employer determines whether a casualty or incident is, or is likely to become, an SMI, the marine employer must ensure alcohol and drug testing is conducted. The marine employer must then complete and submit Form CG-2692B (Report of Mandatory Chemical Testing Following a Serious Marine Incident Involving Vessels in Commercial Service).

## **CONTACT AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Immediate Verbal Notification: Vessels shall notify the nearest U.S. Coast Guard Sector based on the location in which the incident occurred.

Written Reports (CG-2692 / CG-2692B): Submit to the Sector Jacksonville Investigations Division at [JaxInvestigations@uscg.mil](mailto:JaxInvestigations@uscg.mil), Marine Safety Unit Port Canaveral Investigations Division at [MSUPortCanaveral@uscg.mil](mailto:MSUPortCanaveral@uscg.mil), or the nearest U.S. Coast Guard Sector based on the location in which the incident occurred.

Additional guidance for the identification and reporting of marine casualties is provided by the U.S. Coast Guard in Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) No. 01-15. Your cooperation in adhering to these reporting requirements is essential for maintaining the highest standards of safety in the maritime industry and ensuring a swift, coordinated response within the Sector Jacksonville COTP Zone.

For additional information regarding this bulletin, please contact the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville Investigations Division at [JaxInvestigations@uscg.mil](mailto:JaxInvestigations@uscg.mil) / (904) 334-7689 or U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Canaveral Investigations Division at [MSUPortCanaveral@uscg.mil](mailto:MSUPortCanaveral@uscg.mil) / (321) 784-6870.



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