

The safety of navigation at sea is fundamental to protecting human life, the environment and third party assets. The safety of life, the ship and the environment take precedence over all other considerations.

Alpha Marine Ltd shall operate vessels in a safe, secure and efficient manner, in the practice of good seamanship and in compliance with local and international regulations.

The Master is responsible for the safe navigation of the vessel, and this responsibility also extends to the Officers and Crew, who must always be on the alert to prevent accidents.

Safe navigational practices are detailed in the Company Safety Management System. These include:

- Ensuring that the vessel and crew are compliant and fit for the intended voyage
- Ensuring that the correct paper charts and nautical publications are on-board and that they are corrected up to date.
- Passage planning, monitoring and voyage execution
- Bridge procedures and bridge watch-keeping organisation
- Keeping a proper navigational watch
- The use and limitations of radar, chart plotters and electronic navigational aids
- The use and limitations of communication systems
- Operating procedures and risk assessments
- Reporting and record keeping
- Emergency procedures

Masters and crews are required to understand and implement safe navigational practices and these shall be augmented by the Masters Standing Orders and Daily Orders, which will detail all the requirements for safe passage making and the operations of the vessel.

The Master is responsible for ensuring that a full berth-to-berth passage plan has been completed for the voyage in hand and that this has been checked for completeness and accuracy prior to commencement of the voyage. All watch-keeping officers must understand and verify the passage plan.

A watch keeping system shall be implemented, detailing personnel and duties for all contingencies that are likely to occur during the voyage and the daily operations. These must include but are not limited to: navigation during daytime, night-time, restricted visibility, heavy weather, dense traffic, restricted waters, pilotage, at anchor and emergency situations.

In accordance with the Company Safety Management System, it is the duty of every crew member observing any situation which they feel may endanger the safety of personnel, the vessel, the environment, or the cargo or which may have any negative impact on operations must report this immediately. An investigation should be carried out immediately and action taken as necessary.

This policy is communicated to all employees and organisations working on Alpha Marine's behalf. They are expected to co-operate and assist in the implementation of this policy.

This policy will be reviewed annually by management. Older versions will be archived. It will be displayed on site where the company operates and on the company website. It will be part of employee and sub-contractor induction and on-going training procedures.



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