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Load Line Requirements for Vessels on Domestic Voyages

Recently Sector Anchorage has investigated several instances where commercial U.S. vessels have been operating on voyages outside the Boundary Line without meeting the load line requirements set forth in Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 42.

All U.S. vessels that are 79 feet or longer which cross outside the Boundary Line, are subject to load line requirements unless excluded or exempted by regulation. Any applicable vessel that proceeds beyond the Boundary Line is subject to load line requirements, even if the vessel returns directly to the port of departure.

Boundary Lines mark the dividing point between internal and offshore waters for several legal purposes, including load line regulations. Alaska's Boundary Lines are included as an enclosure to this bulletin.

Vessels subject to 46 CFR § 42 may only proceed beyond the Boundary Line with a load line or single voyage load line exemption authorization issued by the Coast Guard Officer in Charge Marine Inspection. Single voyage exemptions are only authorized under exceptional circumstances. All masters and/or owners of a vessel operated, navigated, or used in violation of the provisions of the load line regulations may be subject to the penalties as set forth in law.

Further information regarding load line regulations and policies may be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5212/loadlines.asp>. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this bulletin to the Vessel Inspections Branch at 907-271-6616.

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Enclosure

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(f) A line drawn from Santa Barbara Harbor Light "4" to latitude 34°24.1' N. longitude 119°40.7' W. (Santa Barbara Harbor Lighted Bell Buoy "1"); thence to Santa Barbara Harbor Breakwater Light.

§ 7.130 Point Conception, CA to Point Sur, CA.

(a) A line drawn from the southernmost extremity of Fossil Point at longitude 120°43.5' W. to the seaward extremity of Whaler Island Breakwater.

(b) A line drawn from the outer end of Morro Bay Entrance East Breakwater to latitude 35°21.5' N. longitude 120°52.3' W. (Morro Bay Entrance Lighted Bell Buoy "1"); thence to Morro Bay West Breakwater Light.

§ 7.135 Point Sur, CA to Cape Blanco, OR.

(a) A line drawn from Monterey Harbor Light "6" to latitude 36°36.5' N. longitude 121°53.2' W. (Monterey Harbor Anchorage Buoy "A"); thence to the northernmost extremity of Monterey Municipal Wharf No. 2.

(b) A line drawn from seaward extremity of the pier located 0.3 mile south of Moss Landing Harbor Entrance to the seaward extremity of the Moss Landing Harbor North Breakwater.

(c) A line drawn from Santa Cruz Light to the southernmost projection of Soquel Point.

(d) A straight line drawn from Point Bonita Light across Golden Gate through Mile Rocks Light to the shore.

(e) A line drawn from the northwestern tip of Tomales Point to latitude 38°15.1' N. longitude 123°00.1' W. (Tomales Point Lighted Horn Buoy "2"); thence to latitude 38°17.2' N. longitude 123°02.3' W. (Bodega Harbor Approach Lighted Gong Buoy "BA"); thence to the southernmost extremity of Bodega Head.

(f) A line drawn from Humboldt Bay Entrance Light "4" to Humboldt Bay Entrance Light "3".

(g) A line drawn from Crescent City Outer Breakwater Light "5" to the southeasternmost extremity of Whaler Island at longitude 124°11' W.

§ 7.140 Cape Blanco, OR to Cape Flattery, WA.

(a) A line drawn from the seaward extremity of the Coos Bay South Jetty to latitude 43°21.9' N. longitude 124°21.7' W. (Coos Bay Entrance Lighted Bell Buoy "1"); thence to the seaward extremity of the Coos Bay North Jetty.

(b) A line drawn from the lookout tower located in approximate position latitude 46°13.6' N. longitude 124°00.7' W. to latitude 46°12.8' N. longitude 124°08.0' W. (Columbia River Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy "2"); thence to latitude 46°14.5' N. longitude 124°09.5' W. (Columbia River Entrance Lighted Bell Buoy "1"); thence to North Head Light.

(c) A line drawn from latitude 46°52.8' N. longitude 124°12.6' W. (Grays Harbor Light to Grays Harbor Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy "2"); thence to latitude 46°55.0' N. longitude 124°14.7' W. (Grays Harbor Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy "3"); thence to Grays Harbor Bar Range Rear Light.

§ 7.145 Strait of Juan de Fuca, Haro Strait and Strait of Georgia WA.

(a) A line drawn from the northernmost point of Angeles Point to latitude 48°21.1' N. longitude 123°02.5' W. (Hein Bank Lighted Bell Buoy); thence to latitude 48°25.5' N. longitude 122°58.5' W. (Salmon Bank Lighted Gong Buoy "3"); thence to Cattle Point Light on San Juan Island.

(b) A line drawn from Lime Kiln Light to Kellett Bluff Light on Henry Island; thence to Turn Point Light on Stuart Island; thence to Skipjack Island Light; thence to latitude 48°46.6' N. longitude 122°53.4' W. (Clements Reef Bouy "2"); thence to International Boundary Range B Front Light.

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§ 7.150 Canadian (BC) and United States (AK) Borders to Cape Spencer, AK.

(a) A line drawn from the northeasternmost extremity of Point Mansfield, Sitklan Island 040° true to the mainland.

(b) A line drawn from the southeasternmost extremity of Island Point, Sitklan Island to the southernmost extremity of Garnet Point, Kanagunut Island; thence to Lord Rock Light;

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thence to Barren Island Light; thence to Cape Chacon Light; thence to Cape Muzon Light.

(c) A line drawn from Point Cornwallis Light to Cape Bartolome Light; thence to Cape Edgumbe Light; thence to the westernmost extremity of Cape Cross.

(d) A line drawn from Surge Bay Entrance Light to Cape Spencer Light.

§7.155 Cape Spencer, AK to Cape St. Elias, AK.

(a) A line drawn from the westernmost extremity of Harbor Point to the southernmost extremity of LaChaussee Spit at Lituya Bay.

(b) A line drawn from Ocean Cape Light to latitude 59°31.9' N. longitude 139°57.1' W. (Yakutat Bay Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy "2"); thence to the southeasternmost extremity of Point Manby.

(c) A line drawn from the northernmost extremity of Point Riou to the easternmost extremity of Icy Cape.

§7.160 Point Whitshed, AK to Aialik Cape, AK.

(a) A line drawn from the southernmost extremity of Point Whitshed to the easternmost extremity of Hinchinbrook Island.

(b) A line drawn from Cape Hinchinbrook Light to Schooner Rock Light "1".

(c) A line drawn from the southwesternmost extremity of Montague Island to Point Elrington Light; thence to the southernmost extremity of Cape Puget.

(d) A line drawn from the southernmost extremity of Cape Resurrection to the Aialik Cape.

§7.165 Kenai Peninsula, AK to Kodiak Island, AK.

(a) A line drawn from the southernmost extremity of Kenai Peninsula at longitude 151°44.0' W. to East Amatuli Island Light; thence to the northwesternmost extremity of Shuyak Island at Party Cape; thence to the easternmost extremity of Cape Douglas.

(b) A line drawn from the southernmost extremity of Pillar Cape on Afognak Island to Spruce Cape Light; thence to the easternmost extremity of Long Island; thence to the north-

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easternmost extremity of Cape Chiniak.

(c) A line drawn from Cape Nunilak at latitude 58°09.7' N. to the northernmost extremity of Raspberry Island. A line drawn from the westernmost extremity of Raspberry Cape to the northernmost extremity of Miners Point.

§7.170 Alaska Peninsula, AK to Aleutian Islands, AK.

(a) A line drawn from the southernmost extremity of Cape Kumlium to the westernmost extremity of Nakchamik Island; thence to the easternmost extremity of Castle Cape at Chignik Bay.

(b) A line drawn from Second Priest Rock to Ulakta Head Light at Iliuliuk Bay entrance.

(c) A line drawn from Arch Rock to the northernmost extremity of Devilfish Point at Captains Bay.

(d) A line drawn from the easternmost extremity of Lagoon Point to the northwesternmost extremity of Cape Kutuzof at Port Moller.

§7.175 Alaska Peninsula, AK to Nunivak, AK.

(a) A line drawn from the northernmost extremity of Goose Point at Egegik Bay to Protection Point.

(b) A line drawn from the westernmost extremity of Kulukak Point to the northernmost extremity of Round Island; thence to the southernmost extremity of Hagemeister Island; thence to the southernmost extremity of Cape Peirce; thence to the southernmost extremity of Cape Newenham.

(c) A line drawn from the church spire located in approximate position latitude 59°45' N. longitude 161°55' W. at the mouth of the Kanektok River to the southernmost extremity of Cape Avinof.

§7.180 Kotzebue Sound, AK.

A line drawn from Cape Espenberg Light to latitude 66°52' N. longitude 163°28' W.; and thence to Cape Krusenstern Light.