

**§ 131.805**

**§ 131.805 General alarm bell, switch.**

The switch in the pilothouse that activates the general alarm bell must be clearly and permanently identified either by letters on a metal plate or with a sign in red letters on a suitable background that state the following: "GENERAL ALARM."

**§ 131.810 General alarm bell.**

Each general alarm bell must be identified by red letters at least 13 millimeters (1/2-inch) high that state the following: "GENERAL ALARM—WHEN BELL RINGS GO TO YOUR STATION."

**§ 131.815 Alarm for fixed gaseous fire-extinguishing system.**

Each alarm for a fixed gaseous fire-extinguishing system must be conspicuously identified, using the following statement: "WHEN ALARM SOUNDS, LEAVE AT ONCE: [CARBON DIOXIDE] [HALON] BEING RELEASED."

**§ 131.820 Branch lines of fire-extinguishing system.**

The valves of each branch line in the fire extinguishing system must be plainly and permanently marked, indicating the spaces served.

**§ 131.825 Controls of fire-extinguishing system.**

Each control cabinet or space containing a valve or manifold for a fire extinguishing system must be distinctly marked in conspicuous red letters at least 50 millimeters (2 inches) high that state the following: "FIRE APPARATUS FOR [CARBON DIOXIDE] [HALON]".

**§ 131.830 Fire-hose stations.**

Each fire station must be identified in red letters and figures at least 50 millimeters (2 inches) high that state the following: "FIRE STATION #1," "\* \* \* 2," "\* \* \* 3," and so on. Where the hose is not so stowed in the open or behind glass as to be readily seen, this identification must be so placed as to be readily seen from a distance.

**§ 131.835 Portable fire extinguishers.**

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, each portable fire extinguisher must be marked with a number, and the site of its stowage must be marked with a corresponding number at least 13 millimeters (1/2-inch) high.

(b) If only one type and size of portable fire extinguisher is carried, the number may be omitted.

**§ 131.840 Emergency lighting.**

Emergency lighting must be marked with a letter "E" at least 13 millimeters (1/2-inch) high.

**§ 131.845 Instructions for shift of steering gear.**

(a) Instructions, including diagrams, for a shift of steering gear and for a shift to the alternative steering stations must be on water-resistant material and posted at each steering station and in the steering-engine room, relating, in order, the different steps to take in either shift.

(b) The instructions must indicate each clutch or pin to be "in" or "out" and each valve or switch to be "open" or "closed" in a shift to any means of steering for which the vessel is equipped.

(c) The instructions must specify that each steering wheel or lever, and each rudder, must be amidships before any shift of steering gear or steering stations.

(d) Each clutch, gear, wheel, lever, valve, or switch used during any shift of steering gear or steering stations must be numbered or lettered on a metal plate or painted so that the numbers or letters are recognizable at a reasonable distance.

**§ 131.850 Rudder orders.**

At each steering station there must be installed a suitable notice on the wheel or lever, or in some other place directly in the helmsman's line of sight, to indicate the direction in which to turn the wheel or lever for "right rudder" and for "left rudder."

**§ 131.855 Lifeboats and rescue boats.**

(a) The following must be plainly marked or painted on each side of the