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Part 27 Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation

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PART 27—ADJUSTMENT OF CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES FOR INFLATION

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§ 27.3 Penalty adjustment table.

Table 1 identifies the statutes administered by the Coast Guard that authorize a civil monetary penalty. The “adjusted maximum penalty” is the maximum penalty authorized by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, as determined by the Coast Guard. The adjusted civil penalty amounts listed in Table 1 to this section are applicable for penalty assessments issued after January 2, 2025, with respect to violations occurring after November 2, 2015. The applicable civil penalty amounts for violations occurring on or before November 2, 2015, are set forth in previously published regulations amending this part.

TABLE 1 TO § 27.3—CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS

U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2025 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
14 U.S.C. 521(c)	Saving Life and Property	\$13,295
14 U.S.C. 521(e)	Saving Life and Property; Intentional Interference with Broadcast	1,365
14 U.S.C. 936(i)	Confidentiality of Medical Quality Assurance Records (first offense)	6,677

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U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2025 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
14 U.S.C. 936(i)	Confidentiality of Medical Quality Assurance Records (subsequent offenses)	44,521
19 U.S.C. 70	Obstruction of Revenue Officers by Masters of Vessels	9,956
19 U.S.C. 70	Obstruction of Revenue Officers by Masters of Vessels—Minimum Penalty	2,323
19 U.S.C. 1581(d)	Failure to Stop Vessel When Directed; Master, Owner, Operator or Person in Charge ¹	5,000
19 U.S.C. 1581(d)	Failure to Stop Vessel When Directed; Master, Owner, Operator or Person in Charge—Minimum Penalty ¹	1,000
33 U.S.C. 471	Anchorage Ground/Harbor Regulations General	14,435
33 U.S.C. 474	Anchorage Ground/Harbor Regulations St. Mary's River	996
33 U.S.C. 495(b)	Bridges/Failure to Comply with Regulations	36,439
33 U.S.C. 499(c)	Bridges/Drawbridges	36,439
33 U.S.C. 502(c)	Bridges/Failure to Alter Bridge Obstructing Navigation	36,439
33 U.S.C. 533(b)	Bridges/Maintenance and Operation	36,439
33 U.S.C. 1208(a)	Bridge to Bridge Communication; Master, Person in Charge or Pilot	2,654
33 U.S.C. 1208(b)	Bridge to Bridge Communication; Vessel	2,654
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(i)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class I per violation)	23,647
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(i)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class I total under paragraph)	59,114
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class II per day of violation)	23,647
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class II total under paragraph)	295,564
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(A)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (per day of violation) Judicial Assessment	59,114
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(A)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (per barrel of oil or unit discharged) Judicial Assessment	2,365
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(B)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Failure to Carry Out Removal/ Comply With Order (Judicial Assessment)	59,114
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(C)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Failure to Comply with Regulation Issued Under 1321(j) (Judicial Assessment)	59,114
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(D)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges, Gross Negligence (per barrel of oil or unit discharged) Judicial Assessment	7,093

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U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2025 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(D)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges, Gross Negligence—Minimum Penalty (Judicial Assessment)	236,451
33 U.S.C. 1322(j)	Marine Sanitation Devices; Operating	9,956
33 U.S.C. 1322(j)	Marine Sanitation Devices; Sale or Manufacture	26,543
33 U.S.C. 1608(a)	International Navigation Rules; Operator	18,610
33 U.S.C. 1608(b)	International Navigation Rules; Vessel	18,610
33 U.S.C. 1908(b)(1)	Pollution from Ships; General	93,058
33 U.S.C. 1908(b)(2)	Pollution from Ships; False Statement	18,610
33 U.S.C. 2072(a)	Inland Navigation Rules; Operator	18,610
33 U.S.C. 2072(b)	Inland Navigation Rules; Vessel	18,610
33 U.S.C. 2609(a)	Shore Protection; General	65,653
33 U.S.C. 2609(b)	Shore Protection; Operating Without Permit	26,262
33 U.S.C. 2716a(a)	Oil Pollution Liability and Compensation	59,114
33 U.S.C. 3852(a)(1)(A)	Clean Hulls; Civil Enforcement	54,124
33 U.S.C. 3852(a)(1)(A)	Clean Hulls; related to false statements	72,164
33 U.S.C. 3852(c)	Clean Hulls; Recreational Vessels	7,217
42 U.S.C. 9609(a)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Class I)	71,545
42 U.S.C. 9609(b)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Class II)	71,545
42 U.S.C. 9609(b)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Class II subsequent offense)	214,637
42 U.S.C. 9609(c)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Judicial Assessment)	71,545

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U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2025 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
42 U.S.C. 9609(c)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Judicial Assessment subsequent offense)	214,637
46 U.S.C. 80509(a)	Safe Containers for International Cargo	7,820
46 U.S.C. 70305(c)	Suspension of Passenger Service	78,210
46 U.S.C. 2110(e)	Vessel Inspection or Examination Fees	11,823
46 U.S.C. 2115	Alcohol and Dangerous Drug Testing	9,624
46 U.S.C. 2302(a)	Negligent Operations: Recreational Vessels	8,705
46 U.S.C. 2302(a)	Negligent Operations: Other Vessels	43,527
46 U.S.C. 2302(c)(1)	Operating a Vessel While Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Dangerous Drug	9,624
46 U.S.C. 2306(a)(4)	Vessel Reporting Requirements: Owner, Charterer, Managing Operator, or Agent	14,988
46 U.S.C. 2306(b)(2)	Vessel Reporting Requirements: Master	2,998
46 U.S.C. 3102(c)(1)	Immersion Suits	14,988
46 U.S.C. 3106(d)	Master Key Control System	1,059
46 U.S.C. 3302(i)(5)	Inspection Permit	3,126
46 U.S.C. 3318(a)	Vessel Inspection; General	14,988
46 U.S.C. 3318(g)	Vessel Inspection; Nautical School Vessel	14,988
46 U.S.C. 3318(h)	Vessel Inspection; Failure to Give Notice in accordance with (IAW) 3304(b)	2,998
46 U.S.C. 3318(i)	Vessel Inspection; Failure to Give Notice IAW 3309(c)	2,998
46 U.S.C. 3318(j)(1)	Vessel Inspection; Vessel ≥1600 Gross Tons	29,980
46 U.S.C. 3318(j)(1)	Vessel Inspection; Vessel <1600 Gross Tons (GT)	5,996
46 U.S.C.	Vessel Inspection; Failure to Comply with 3311(b)	29,980

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U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2025 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
3318(k) 46 U.S.C. 3318(l) 46 U.S.C. 3502(e) 46 U.S.C. 3504(c) 46 U.S.C. 3504(c) 46 U.S.C. 3506 46 U.S.C. 3507(h)(1)(A) 46 U.S.C. 3508(d) 46 U.S.C. 3718(a)(1) 46 U.S.C. 4106 46 U.S.C. 4311(b)(1) 46 U.S.C. 4311(b)(1) 46 U.S.C. 4311(c) 46 U.S.C. 4311(c) 46 U.S.C. 4311(c) 46 U.S.C. 4311(d) 46 U.S.C. 4507 46 U.S.C. 4703 46 U.S.C. 5116(a) 46 U.S.C. 5116(b) 46 U.S.C. 5116(c)	Vessel Inspection; Violation of 3318(b)-3318(f) List/count of Passengers Notification to Passengers Notification to Passengers; Sale of Tickets Copies of Laws on Passenger Vessels; Master Passenger Vessel Security and Safety; Daily Penalty & Maximum Penalty Passenger Vessel Security and Safety; Crewmembers Crime Scene Preservation Training; Maximum Penalty Liquid Bulk/Dangerous Cargo Uninspected Vessels Recreational Vessels (maximum for related series of violations) Recreational Vessels; Violation of 4307(a) Engine Cut-Off Switches; Violation of 4312(b), First Offense Engine Cut-Off Switches; Violation of 4312(b), Second Offense Engine Cut-Off Switches; Violation of 4312(b), Subsequent to Second Offense Recreational Vessels Uninspected Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels Abandonment of Barges Load Lines Load Lines; Violation of 5112(a) Load Lines; Violation of 5112(b)	14,988 312 31,252 1,562 625 26,481 Daily/\$52,962 Maximum 52,962 78,134 13,132 413,388 8,267 106 265 529 3,126 13,132 2,224 14,308 28,619 14,308

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U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2025 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
46 U.S.C. 6103(a)	Reporting Marine Casualties	49,848
46 U.S.C. 6103(b)	Reporting Marine Casualties; Violation of 6104	13,132
46 U.S.C. 8101(e)	Manning of Inspected Vessels; Failure to Report Deficiency in Vessel Complement	2,365
46 U.S.C. 8101(f)	Manning of Inspected Vessels	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8101(g)	Manning of Inspected Vessels; Employing or Serving in Capacity not Licensed by U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8101(h)	Manning of Inspected Vessels; Freight Vessel <100 GT, Small Passenger Vessel, or Sailing School Vessel	3,126
46 U.S.C. 8102(a)	Watchmen on Passenger Vessels	3,126
46 U.S.C. 8103(f)	Citizenship Requirements	1,562
46 U.S.C. 8104(i)	Watches on Vessels; Violation of 8104(a) or (b)	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8104(j)	Watches on Vessels; Violation of 8104(c), (d), (e), or (h)	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8106(f)	Employing Qualified Available U.S. Citizens or Residents	10,592 Daily/\$105,923 Maximum
46 U.S.C. 8302(e)	Staff Department on Vessels	312
46 U.S.C. 8304(d)	Officer's Competency Certificates	312
46 U.S.C. 8502(e)	Coastwise Pilotage; Owner, Charterer, Managing Operator, Agent, Master or Individual in Charge	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8502(f)	Coastwise Pilotage; Individual	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8503	Federal Pilots	74,943
46 U.S.C. 8701(d)	Merchant Mariners Documents	1,552
46 U.S.C. 8702(e)	Crew Requirements	23,647
46 U.S.C. 8906	Small Vessel Manning	49,848
46 U.S.C.	Pilotage: Great Lakes; Owner, Charterer, Managing Operator,	23,647

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9308(a) 46 U.S.C.	Agent, Master or Individual in Charge	
9308(b) 46 U.S.C.	Pilotage: Great Lakes; Individual	23,647
9308(c) 46 U.S.C.	Pilotage: Great Lakes; Violation of 9303	23,647
10104(a)(2) 46 U.S.C.	Requirement to Report Sexual Assault and Harassment; Mandatory Reporting by Responsible Entity of a Vessel	51,621
10104(d)(2) 46 U.S.C.	Requirement to Report Sexual Assault and Harassment; Company After Action Summary, violation of 10104(d)(1)	25,810
10104(d)(2) 46 U.S.C.	Requirement to Report Sexual Assault and Harassment; Company After Action Summary, Daily Noncompliance Penalty	516
10104(d)(2) 46 U.S.C.	Requirement to Report Sexual Assault and Harassment; Company After Action Summary, Civil Penalty Maximum	51,621
10314(a)(2) 46 U.S.C.	Pay Advances to Seamen	1,562
10314(b) 46 U.S.C.	Pay Advances to Seamen; Remuneration for Employment	1,562
10315(c) 46 U.S.C.	Allotment to Seamen	1,562
10321 46 U.S.C.	Seamen Protection; General	10,831
10505(a)(2) 46 U.S.C.	Coastwise Voyages: Advances	10,831
10505(b) 46 U.S.C.	Coastwise Voyages: Advances; Remuneration for Employment	10,831
10508(b) 46 U.S.C.	Coastwise Voyages: Seamen Protection; General	10,831
10711 46 U.S.C.	Effects of Deceased Seamen	625
10902(a)(2) 46 U.S.C.	Complaints of Unfitness	1,562
10903(d) 46 U.S.C.	Proceedings on Examination of Vessel	312
10907(b) 46 U.S.C.	Permission to Make Complaint	1,562
11101(f) 46 U.S.C.	Accommodations for Seamen	1,562
11102(b) 46 U.S.C.	Medicine Chests on Vessels	1,562
46 U.S.C.	Destitute Seamen	312

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11104(b) 46 U.S.C. 11105(c) 46 U.S.C. 11303(a) 46 U.S.C. 11303(b) 46 U.S.C. 11303(c) 46 U.S.C. 11506	Wages on Discharge Log Books; Master Failing to Maintain Log Books; Master Failing to Make Entry Log Books; Late Entry Carrying of Sheath Knives	1,562 625 625 469 157
46 U.S.C. 12151(a)(1) 46 U.S.C. 12151(a)(2) 46 U.S.C. 12151(c) 46 U.S.C. 12309(a) 46 U.S.C. 12309(b) 46 U.S.C. 12507(b) 46 U.S.C. 14701 46 U.S.C. 14702 46 U.S.C. 31309 46 U.S.C. 31330(a)(2) 46 U.S.C. 31330(b)(2) 46 U.S.C. 55112(d) 46 U.S.C. 70036(a) 46 U.S.C. 70041(d)(1)(B) 46 U.S.C. 70041(d)(1)(C) 46 U.S.C.	Vessel Documentation Documentation of Vessels—Related to activities involving mobile offshore drilling units Vessel Documentation; Fishery Endorsement Numbering of Undocumented Vessels—Willful violation Numbering of Undocumented Vessels Vessel Identification System Measurement of Vessels Measurement; False Statements Commercial Instruments and Maritime Liens Commercial Instruments and Maritime Liens; Mortgagor Commercial Instruments and Maritime Liens; Violation of 31329 Vessel Escort Operations and Towing Assistance Ports and Waterways Safety Regulations Vessel Navigation: Regattas or Marine Parades; Unlicensed Person in Charge Vessel Navigation: Regattas or Marine Parades; Owner Onboard Vessel Vessel Navigation: Regattas or Marine Parades; Other Persons	20,468 34,116 156,422 15,628 3,126 26,262 57,238 57,238 26,262 26,262 65,653 10,592 117,608 11,823 11,823 5,911

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70041(d)(1)(D) 46 U.S.C. 70052(c) 46 U.S.C. 70119(a) 46 U.S.C. 70119(b) 46 U.S.C. 70506 49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1) 49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(2) 49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(3)	Regulation of Vessels in Territorial Waters of the United States Port Security Port Security—Continuing Violations Maritime Drug Law Enforcement; Penalties Hazardous Materials: Related to Vessels—Maximum Penalty Hazardous Materials: Related to Vessels—Penalty from Fatalities, Serious Injuries/Illness or Substantial Damage to Property Hazardous Materials: Related to Vessels—Training	26,481 43,527 78,210 7,217 102,348 238,809 617

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