## Marine Transportation

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to provide general safety guidelines for personnel traveling by boat.

1. **Captain Qualification and Authority**

All vessel captains shall possess current licenses as issued by the property authority to navigate any vessel.

The vessel captain has full authority during boarding, loading, when underway, and disembarking procedures. The captain’s authority includes but is not limited to:

* To refuse passage to anyone considered an unsafe passenger.
* To require that seatbelts be worn when available.
* To refuse to allow persons not adhering to the Personal Flotation Device rules to board the vessel.

1. **Rough Weather**

In rough weather or heavy seas no person should move about a boat underway unless absolutely necessary. In event movement is necessary try to maintain a handhold to help steady yourself as the boat pitches and rolls.

1. **Hazardous Materials**

Any hazardous materials must be properly identified, classified, named, packaged, marked, labeled, and manifested. If these requirements are not met the vessel captain has the full authority to refuse transportation of hazardous materials.

1. **Slips, Trips and Falls**

Minimizing Hazards on Deck

* Keep all areas free of debris.
* Clean up and/or report any spill immediately.
* Secure gear and equipment that is not in use.
* Keep stairs, doorway, walkways, and gangways free of equipment and stowed materials.
* Always maintain three-points of contact on a ladder-two hands and a foot, or two feet and a hand- so that only one limb is in motion at any one time.

Precautions in Walking

* Walk at a normal rate, keeping your hands out of your pockets.
* Slow down when moving between different surfaces.
* Do not run.
* Modify your way of walking to match the surface, such as an icy deck.
* Do not jump from one vessel to another.
* Do not climb on cargo, supplies, or equipment instead of using a ladder.
* Do not step on hatch covers.
* Avoid walking along the unguarded edge of a vessel.
* Watch out for reduced visibility due to poor lighting and weather conditions.

Wearing Appropriate Footgear

* Wear safety shoes or boots with slip-resistant soles as appropriate
* Keep shoes clean of mud, snow, ice spilled liquids, and debris.

1. **Prevention of Damage to Fishing Devices**

Materials, equipment, tools, containers, and other items used in the OCS that are of such shape or configuration that they are likely to snag or damage fishing devices shall be handled and marked as follows:

* All loose materials, small tools, and other small objects shall be kept in a suitable storage area or a marked container when not in use.
* All cable, chain, or wire segments shall be recovered after use and securely stored until suitable disposal is accomplished.
* Skid-mounted equipment, portable containers, spools, reels, and drums shall be marked with the owner’s name before use or transport over offshore waters.
* All markings must clearly identify the owner and must be durable enough to resist the effects of the environmental condition to which they may be exposed.
* MMS PINC G-252 stipulates that the above markings cannot be made with chalk, grease pencil or crayon, parking pens, non-waterproof decals, or water based paints.