**HELICOPTER OPERATIONS DRILL**

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| **Vessel:** |  |  | **Date:** |  |
| **Port / Location:** |  |  | | |

To prepare for a true emergency, training in drills should ensure that required actions become automatic. This guide can be used during a helicopter drill. Additional information can be found in the ICS “Guide to Helicopter / Ship Operations”.

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| Helicopter Operations Drill | | Yes () | No () |
| 1. | Simulate reduction of inert gas pressure inside all cargo and slop tanks to a slight positive value within 30 minutes prior to helicopter operations. P/V valves left in closed position. (If onboard Tanker) |  |  |
| 2. | Secure all tank / hatch openings. |  |  |
| 3. | Make contact with the helicopter pilot and set the rendezvous position. |  |  |
| 4. | Hoist International Code Pennant, or other suitable wind indicator, where it can easily be seen by helicopter pilot. |  |  |
| 5. | The Master should ensure that the vessel is steady on a course such that relative wind is 30 degrees on the port bow, or as required by helicopter pilot. |  |  |
| 6. | Instruct all personnel directly involved in the operation to:   * + Not touch the winched man, stretcher, or winch hook until earthed.   + Not secure any line passed down from helicopter.   + Not shine light at the helicopter at night.   + Properly use a rescue sling.   + Keep clear of rotors and exhaust. |  |  |
| 7. | Follow the ICS “Shipboard Safety Checklist” Appendix C in the publication “Guide to Helicopter / Ship Operations”. |  |  |
| 8. | Debrief Ship Staff after the drill and reset tank P/V valves. Lower wind indicator. |  |  |
| Helicopter Accident Drill | | Yes () | No (x) |
| 1. | Refer to section 8 Helicopter Accident Procedure and Appendix G “*Duties and Suggested Action Plan for Helicopter Accident*” in the ICS “*Guide to Helicopter / Ship Operations.* |  |  |
| 2. | Simulate fire-fighting operations as per Fire Drill, and muster as per ship’s muster list. |  |  |
| 3. | Alter vessel course and speed as necessary to keep fire and smoke clear of deck. |  |  |
| 4. | Approach Helicopter when ordered, to effect any rescue requirements. |  |  |
| 5. | Spray with portable extinguisher (for small outbreak of fire) |  |  |
| 6. | Provide water curtain for Helicopter, Passenger and Pilot for escape. |  |  |
| Comments / Description of Scenario / Recommendations for next drill: | | | |

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| **Drill Officer:** |  |  | **Master:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  |  | **Signature:** |  |