§ 28.60 Similarly qualified organizations.

An organization desiring to be designated by the Commandant as a similarly qualified organization must request such designation in writing. As a minimum the organization must verify that it—

(a) Publishes standards for vessel design and construction which are as widely available as and which are of similar content to the standards published by the ABS;
(b) Performs periodic surveys in a wide range of localities during and after construction to ensure compliance with published standards, including drydock examinations, in a manner similar to the ABS;
(c) Issues certificates testifying to compliance with the published standards;
(d) Has as its primary concern the survey and classification of vessels;
(e) Has no interest in owning or operating fishing, fish processing, or fish tender vessels; and
(f) Maintains records of surveys and makes such records available to the Coast Guard upon request in a manner similar to the ABS.


(a) Except for a casualty which is required to be reported to the Coast Guard on Form CG 2692 in accordance with part 4 of this chapter, the owner, agent, operator, master, or individual in charge of a vessel involved in a casualty must submit a report in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section, as soon as possible after the casualty involves the underwriter of primary insurance for the vessel or to an organization listed in paragraph (d) of this section whenever the casualty involves

(1) Loss of life;
(2) An injury that requires professional medical treatment (treatment beyond first aid) and that renders the individual unfit to perform his or her routine duties;
(3) Loss of a vessel;
(4) Damage to or by a vessel, its cargo, apparel or gear, except for fishing gear while not on board a vessel, or that impairs the seaworthiness of the vessel, or that is initially estimated at $2,500.00 or more;
(b) Each underwriter of primary insurance for a commercial fishing industry vessel must submit a report of each casualty involving that vessel to an organization listed in paragraph (d) of this section within 90 days of receiving notice of the casualty and whenever it pays a claim resulting from the casualty. Initial reports must be in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section. Subsequent reports must contain sufficient information to identify the casualty and any new or corrected casualty data.
(c) Each report of casualty must include the following information:

(1) The name and address of the vessel owner and vessel operator, if different than the vessel owner;
(2) The name and address of the underwriter of primary insurance for the vessel;
(3) The name, registry number, call sign, gross tonnage, year of build, length, and hull material of the vessel;
(4) The date, location, primary cause, and nature of the casualty;
(5) The specific fishery, intended catch, and length of fishery opening when applicable;
(6) The date that the casualty was reported to the underwriter of primary insurance for the vessel, or to an organization acceptable to the Commandant;
(7) The activity of the vessel at the time of the casualty;
(8) The weather conditions at the time of the casualty, if the weather caused or contributed to the cause of the casualty;
(9) The damages to or by the vessel, its apparel, gear, or cargo;
(10) The monetary amounts paid for damages;
(11) The name, birth date, social security number, address, job title, length of disability, activity at the time of injury, type of injury, and medical treatment required for each individual incapacitated for more than 72 hours, or deceased as a result of the casualty;

Each individual employed on a commercial fishing industry vessel must notify the master, individual in charge of the vessel, or other agent of the employer of each illness, disability, or injury suffered while in service to the vessel not later than seven days after the date on which the illness, disability, or injury arose.

§ 28.95 Right of appeal.

Any person directly affected by a decision or action taken under this part, by or on behalf of the Coast Guard, may appeal therefrom in accordance with part 1, subpart 1.03 of this chapter.

Table 28.110—Personal Flotation Devices and Immersion Suits

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