



MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MANUAL

OCN 8.4 R/V Oceanus Port Watch Procedures

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to set forth the standards for Port Watch Procedures aboard the R/V Oceanus.

2. Responsibility

Port watches generally include an Officer of the Watch, a gangway watch and an Engineer of the Watch. The Officer of the Watch is aboard to supervise and assist as needed as well as to serve as the master's representative in the conduct of ship's business. The structure of the watch and special procedures will be dictated by security or logistical concerns on a case-by-case basis. It is general policy to not allow anyone not having official business with the ship on board. Should it become necessary or required to employ or post a local watchman, that person shall remain at the gangway at all times.

3. General

Port watches are not normally stood while the vessel is in her homeport at Woods Hole, MA. The vital ships system alarms are tied into the phone system that connects with the reception desk security.

Port watches are stood in all out ports around the clock. These watches may be modified to accommodate special requirements on a case-by-case basis. It is the Master's policy to not employ local watchmen in foreign ports unless required to do so or if recommended by the ships agent. Experience with nearly every foreign port visited over the past 20 years has shown little value in employing locals and in some cases indications are that the watchmen may be working as point-men for local thieves who receive information regarding the ships routine, security and interior layout. It is standard practice in those ports where security is of concern to secure all doors from the inside during non-working hours to prevent intrusion. The exception is the door adjacent to the gangway watch. All interior doors can be opened from the inside in an emergency.

The following checklist shall be used when Port Watchstanding is required. All watchstanders shall familiarize themselves with the information on the checklist before assuming the watch.



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Ship is located @ harbor/port: _____

Berth/pier _____

1. Agency name _____

2. Agents name: _____ phone: _____ cell _____

Other numbers _____

3. Port security: phone: _____ cell: _____ VHF Ch _____

4. Medical Emerg: who: _____ how: _____

5. Fire: phone: _____ VHF CH: _____ who _____

6. Nearest fire main is located @ _____

7. Type hose connection: _____ do we have? _____ y _____ n

8. Trash dumpster located @ _____

Special instructions / info: _____

Most ports are secure. Some are not. An alert watch is the best safeguard against trouble. Remember to make frequent checks of the port side and all decks. Bright night lighting is essential. After hours, keep all doors/hatches/scuttles locked from inside providing for emergency escape (in to out). The door by the gangway should be the only door guarded and unlocked at night. The Gangway watch shall have a portable VHF radio on and tuned to the proper channel in use for emergencies.



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