1. PURPOSE

To provide the Master with a means of acquiring medical assistance in the event of a Medical Emergency at Sea.

2. SCOPE

This procedure is for the information of all hands.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the Master or Designated Medical Person In Charge to obtain Medical assistance, utilizing the current agency under contract for this purpose. This Procedure will be updated to reflect the current agency as required.

4. PROCEDURE

4.1 All personnel on board are continuously instructed to report injuries or illness to either their Dept. Head or the Chief Scientist as the case may be. A person who feels the need for privacy in reporting illness or injury may inform only the Master.

4.2 If an injury or illness occurs that cannot be attended to by first aid methods then the Master or Designated Medical Person in Charge will contact the Medical System that has been contracted to support this vessel.

4.3 MEDICAL ADVISORY SYSTEMS, INC. is currently under contract to assist R/V Kilo Moana with Medical Emergencies at Sea.

4.4 A Medical Protocol Manual and a Guide to Pharmaceutical and Medical Supplies are provided to assist in the Medical evaluation and processing of the communications to the Doctor at MAS. Utilizing this service will provide medical advice 24 hours per day.

4.5 The Master has Pharmaceuticals on board that can be made available as prescribed by an MAS Doctor. These Pharmaceuticals are obtained through MAS and are kept current through inventory. These inventories are recommended by MAS.

4.6 Controlled Drugs are locked in the Master’s safe and a perpetual inventory is maintained. One copy in the Master’s safe and one copy in the Controlled Drugs File in the Captains office.

4.7 Telecommunications protocol placards are available in the Chart Room and Safety Management Manual. Medical Protocol and Pharmaceutical Manuals are located in the Ships Hospital.
4.8 The following procedures are to be followed in case of a medical emergency.

- Call the captain (in port 911 as well)
- LOOK, LISTEN and FEEL Check to see that the scene is safe for you to help the injured person.
- (BSI) Body Substance Isolation, Protect your self with gloves, mask if necessary
- Stop severe bleeding.
- Begin artificial respiration if no breathing.
- Begin CPR if necessary.
- Once pulse and breathing are restored check the victim for other injuries.
- Have emergency kit brought to scene.
- If safe and prudent move victim to ships Hospital.
- Call MAS for medical advise
- Make appropriate log entries
- Send message to Marine Center (SUG)