1. PURPOSE

To provide a procedure for Crew response to emergency ship board flooding

2. SCOPE

This procedure applies to all personnel embarked.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

It is the Master’s responsibility to ensure that the crew is properly trained in emergency flooding control procedures.

4. PROCEDURES

4.1. Sound the alarm.

4.1.1. The person discovering the flooding must first notify the bridge so the General Alarm may be sounded, then alert the remainder of the crew about the problem.

4.1.2. Once the bridge gets the word that there is flooding, the mate-on-watch will set the Flooding Emergency Bill by sounding the General Alarm and making an announcement over the PA system.

4.1.3. All personnel will proceed to Damage Control Locker

4.2. The Master will be in charge of the emergency from the bridge.

4.3. The person discovering the flooding will try to locate the source of the flooding and stop it, if possible. When he determines he can do no more in the compartment that is flooding, he should- without making himself a casualty, check for other personnel in the compartment. If any are found, he should assist as possible, hopefully removing them from the compartment.

4.4. All watertight closures should be closed to contain the flooding to as few compartments as possible.

4.5. Once the Damage Control Party is manned and ready, they are to proceed to the scene of the flooding and take the following action in the order listed:

4.5.1. Contain the flooding to as few compartments as possible.

4.5.2. Locate the source of the flooding

4.5.3. Stop the flooding

4.5.4. Dewater.

4.6. While the Damage Control Party is doing their job, the Master will notify the Coast Guard of the emergency and request assistance if necessary. The Chief Engineer will make every effort to keep the M/E's on-the-line to assist the damage control party in their efforts.