

Regulation 19*Ships' Distress Signals*

Ships shall be provided, to the satisfaction of the Administration, with means of making effective distress signals by day and by night, including parachute signals capable of giving a bright red light at a high altitude.

Regulation 20*Muster List and Emergency Procedure*

(a) Special duties to be undertaken in the event of an emergency shall be allotted to each member of the crew.

(b) The muster list shall show all these special duties and shall indicate, in particular, the station to which each member must go, and the duties that he has to perform.

(c) Before the vessel sails, the muster list shall be drawn up. Copies shall be posted in several parts of the ship, and in particular in the crew's quarters.

(d) The muster list shall assign duties to the different members of the crew in connection with:—

(i) the closing of the watertight doors, valves and closing mechanisms of scuppers, ash shoots, &c.;

(ii) the equipping of the lifeboats, including the portable radio apparatus, and buoyant apparatus generally;

(iii) the launching of the lifeboats attached to davits;

(iv) the general preparation of the other boats, and buoyant apparatus;

(v) the muster of the passengers; and

(vi) the extinction of fire.

(e) The muster list shall assign to the members of the stewards' department their several duties in relation to the passengers in time of emergency. These duties shall include:—

(i) warning the passengers;

(ii) seeing that they are dressed and have put on their lifejackets in a proper manner;

(iii) assembling the passengers at muster stations;

(iv) keeping order in the passages and on the stairways, and, generally, controlling the movements of the passengers; and

(v) seeing that a supply of blankets is taken to the lifeboats.

(f) The muster list shall specify definite signals for calling all the crew to their boat and fire stations, and shall give full particulars of these signals.

Regulation 21*Practice Musters and Drills*

(a) (i) In passenger ships, musters of the crew for boat drill and fire drill shall take place weekly when practicable. In passenger ships in which the voyage exceeds one week, there shall be such a muster before the ship leaves the final port of departure.