



MEMBERS' GUIDE IN CASE OF MARINE OCCURRENCES

THE CANADIAN MERCHANT SERVICE GUILD

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

GUILD OFFICES:

Coquitlam, BC: (604) 939-8990

Thorold, ON: (905) 685-4224

Ottawa, ON: (613) 829-9531

Quebec City, QC: (418) 650-6471

Dartmouth, NS: (902) 466-5622

St. John's, NF: (709) 722-1615

AFTER-HOURS NUMBER : 1-888-427-4477

N.B. This number is strictly reserved for reporting marine occurrences.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

BOARD OFFICE: (24hrs)

Collect call accepted: 1 (613) 720-5540



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This card is designed to be of assistance to all **Active Guild Members** in good standing paying full monthly dues at the employed rate. If you are working as a pilot, you must be paying Canadian Marine Pilot's Association dues in addition to the Guild dues **or** you must be working in a position identified in a Guild collective agreement.

Your involvement in a marine occurrence may result in your being interviewed by different authorities including the Transportation Safety Board, federal and local police forces, the Coast Guard and similar authorities of the United States if the occurrence takes place in American waters.

As a Guild member, you may benefit from legal protection and assistance from a lawyer before answering any questions of investigating authorities. **Failure to report a Marine Occurrence may result in your being denied legal assistance.** All occurrences should thus be reported to the Guild at its closest location or at its after-hours number.

Members who are found to be in violation of the collective agreements, by-laws or policies of the CMSG will not be eligible for coverage.

MARINE OCCURRENCES

The following types of accidents or occurrences must be reported to the Transportation Safety Board. A report made to a radio ship reporting station is considered sufficient. Members must assure themselves that a report has been made by the Master, Pilot or Officer of the watch.

MEMBERS MUST ALSO REPORT TO THE GUILD:

- ▶ grounding or beaching, whether intentional or accidental, including contact with the bottom or with an underwater pipe or cable;
- ▶ sinking, foundering, or capsizing;
- ▶ collision or risk of collision;
- ▶ fire or explosion on board;
- ▶ abandonment or loss of a vessel;
- ▶ serious injury or death of a person on board;
- ▶ person falling overboard;
- ▶ total failure of any machinery or damage rendering a vessel unseaworthy;
- ▶ shifting of or loss of cargo from a vessel;
- ▶ physical incapacity of a person whose duties are directly related to the safe operation of a vessel;
- ▶ pollution or release of dangerous goods on board or overboard.

IN CASE OF A MARINE OCCURRENCE

- ▶ **ENSURE** that the immediate needs of passengers, crew members and any other person involved in the occurrence have been met.
- ▶ **ENSURE** that the occurrence has been reported to the Transportation Safety Board AND THE GUILD.
- ▶ **ENSURE** that any document or evidence relevant to the occurrence is preserved and protected.
- ▶ **MAKE NO STATEMENTS**, written or verbal, **SIGN NO DOCUMENTS** and **REFUSE TO BE INTERVIEWED** until you have consulted with the Guild or its legal representative.
- ▶ **DO NOT TALK** informally to any government inspector, police officer or to the press.