

SHIP BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS

The operation of research and instructional vessels presents unique and special requirements to the Captain and crew of these vessels as well as to all personnel aboard. To insure the proper use and handling of expensive and sensitive instruments and equipment, each individual who participates, in any manner, in a cruise aboard a state-owned research vessel must comply with all the following rules and regulations unless otherwise instructed by the Captain, crew or the instructor in charge of the scientific party;

1. The Captain has the total responsibility for the safety and well being of all persons aboard the vessel. Therefore, do exactly as the Captain says.
2. If anyone falls overboard or if a person is spotted in the water, immediately throw a life ring or float to the person, notify the Captain, and keep your eye on the person at all times.
3. Closed rubber-soled shoes must be worn at all times on the vessel (flip-flops and TEVA's are not acceptable).
4. Always watch where you are walking. Use your hands to help balance yourself and grip handrails.
5. Do not touch any of the equipment or instruments unless you are instructed to do so.
6. Swimming or jumping from the vessel and horseplay is prohibited.
7. Do not leave the vessel until the Captain, crew or the person in charge of your group tells you to do so.
8. Report any observed malfunction, including suspicious oil, water or smoke to the person in charge of your group.
9. Never go on deck at night or in rough seas without a companion.
10. Alcoholic beverages or other drugs are not permitted on board, nor will anyone under the influence of drugs be permitted on board. Any incidents must be reported to the director.
11. Knives and other weapons are prohibited. Any equipment brought aboard for teaching or research must be approved by the captain.

COMMON SENSE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Be aware that you are more susceptible to the elements (sun, wind, heat and low temperatures) while at sea than on land.
2. Do not throw trash or debris overboard or onto the deck.
3. Stay off the upper decks and out of the wheel house, engine room and below deck areas unless given permission to enter these areas.
4. NO SMOKING ON VESSEL.
5. If you have comments or complaints concerning the cruise or the vessel, tell the person in charge of your group, not the Captain.

CHIEF SCIENTIST/INSTRUCTOR/RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Hand out and explain "Ship Board Rules and Regulations" to each person boarding vessel.
2. Make sure the people boarding boat are dressed properly (rubber soled shoes, sun protection and foul weather gear).
3. Introduce the Captain and crew and reemphasize the Captain's responsibility and authority.
4. On board, locate for your group the life preservers, head (bathroom), and off limit areas.
5. On board the vessel, be aware of your group's conduct.



**DAUPHIN ISLAND SEA LAB/MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCES CONSORTIUM (DISL/MESC)
VESSEL RELEASE FORM**

This form must be signed before a Notary Public by the participant (or by the participant's parent/guardian if the participant is under 19 years of age) and on file with the **DISL/MESC** before a person will be allowed to board any vessel belonging to, or chartered by, the **DISL/MESC**.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of allowing _____
Print Participant's Name

to board any vessel owned or chartered by **DISL/MESC** and used for instructional or research purposes and in allowing the same to participate in activities conducted on said vessel, I, the undersigned in full recognition and appreciation of any and all risks, hazards or dangers, inherent in this activity, hereby and herewith consent to and waive the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the **DISL/MESC**, their officials, or agents, for any mishap or injury to said person or property of said person while embarking, while on board, or while disembarking from said vessel. I understand that **DISL/MESC**, their trustees, officers, agents, volunteers, and employees assume and accept no liability for personal injury, loss of life, and damage to personal property. I the undersigned, further hereby agree to defend, hold harmless and indemnify, release and forever discharge the **DISL/MESC**, their officials or agents, from any injury or damage to the person or property of said person that may arise out of said person's participation in any of the aforementioned activities.

If you are under 19 years of age:

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

Date: _____

If you are 19 years of age or older:

Participant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Sworn to and subscribed to me this _____ **day of** _____, **20**_____.

Notary Public _____

State of _____

County of _____

Commission Expiration _____

Affix seal here

