

Organization and Levels of Authority

RCP II-I. 1 Requirement

Depict company organization and document authority and general responsibilities of individuals at different levels, including vessel master and crew and shoreside personnel.

For vessel master and crew, clearly communicate that:

a) The safety of the towing vessel is the responsibility of the master and includes: compliance with Certificate of Inspection (COI), applicable regulations, the safety management system, report non-conformities to shore-based management and supervision of all persons onboard in carrying out their assigned duties

b) The master is the ultimate authority for decision making in regard safe navigation of the vessel and operational tasks of the crew and is responsible for implementation of corrective action to assure safety for vessel and crew in all situations. Shoreside management is a resource when needed.

c) The vessel crew also has safety responsibilities and includes: Compliance with the safety management system, applicable regulations and reporting unsafe conditions to the master and take action to prevent accidents.

Required Organization and Levels of Authority Elements

Documented policies and procedures which address authority and responsibility for shoreside management and vessel crew members

Note: Effective date for this new RCP requirement is January 1, 2016