

**§ 185.503**

that the list is prepared prior to departing on a voyage. The list must be communicated verbally or in writing ashore at the vessel's normal berthing location or with a representative of the owner or managing operator of the vessel. The crew and passenger list shall be available to the Coast Guard upon request.

**§ 185.503 Voyage plan.**

(a) The master of the following vessels shall prepare a voyage plan:

- (1) A vessel making an oceans or coastwise voyage;
- (2) A vessel making a voyage of more than 300 miles on the Great Lakes, except from a Canadian to a United States port;
- (3) A vessel, with overnight accommodations for passengers, making an overnight voyage; and
- (4) A vessel arriving from a foreign port, except at a United States Great Lakes port from a Canadian Great Lakes port.

(b) The voyage plan required by paragraph (a) of this section must be prepared prior to departing on a voyage and communicated verbally or in writing, ashore at the vessel's normal berthing location or with a representative of the owner or managing operator of the vessel. The voyage plan shall be available to the Coast Guard upon request.

**§ 185.504 Passenger count.**

The master of a vessel, except a vessel listed in §185.502(a) of this part, shall keep a correct, written count of all passengers that embark on and disembark from the vessel. Prior to departing on a voyage, the passenger count must be communicated verbally or in writing, and available ashore at the vessel's normal berthing location or with a representative of the owner or managing operator of the vessel. The passenger count shall be available to the Coast Guard upon request.

**§ 185.506 Passenger safety orientation.**

(a) Except as allowed by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, before getting underway on a voyage or as soon as practicable thereafter, the master of a vessel shall ensure that suitable pub-

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lic announcements are made informing all passengers of the following:

- (1) The location of emergency exits, survival craft embarkation areas, and ring life buoys;
- (2) The stowage location(s) of life jackets;
- (3) Either:
  - (i) The proper method of donning and adjusting life jackets of the type(s) carried on the vessel including a demonstration of the proper donning of a lifejacket, or
  - (ii) That passengers may contact a crew member for a demonstration as appropriate, prior to beginning an oceans or coastwise voyage;
- (4) The location of the instruction placards for life jackets and other life-saving devices;
- (5) That all passengers will be required to don life jackets when possible hazardous conditions exist, as directed by the master; and
- (6) If the vessel is operating with reduced manning or equipment requirements in §176.114 of this chapter.

(b) As an alternative to an announcement that complies with paragraph (a) of this section, the master or other designated person may—

- (1) Prior to getting underway, deliver to each passenger or, on a vessel that does not carry vehicles and that has seats for each passenger, place near each seat, a card or pamphlet that has the information listed in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this section; and
- (2) Make an abbreviated announcement consisting of:
  - (i) A statement that passengers should follow the instructions of the crew in an emergency;
  - (ii) The location of life jackets; and
  - (iii) That further information concerning emergency procedures including the donning of life jackets, location of other emergency equipment, and emergency evacuation procedures are located on the card or pamphlet that was given to each passenger or is located near each seat.

(c) Ferries operating on short runs of less than 15 minutes may substitute bulkhead placards or signs for the announcement required in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section if the OCMI determines that the announcements are