

## Section Three: Rules & Regulations for Vessels

### Navigation

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#### 230. ANCHORAGE OR OBSTRUCTION IN TURNING BASINS AND CHANNELS

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation whether as principal, servant, agent, employee, or otherwise, to anchor any vessel, boat, barge or other watercraft of any kind in any of the turning basins or channels in the Port of Miami-Dade, or to otherwise obstruct navigation, except in cases of actual emergency.

#### 232. LIGHTS AT NIGHT

All vessels, barges or other watercraft, while anchored, moored, or maneuvering in the waterways of the Port of Miami-Dade, must at all times of the night show proper lights.

#### 234. POLLUTION OF AIR AND WATER

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to deposit, place or discharge into the waterways of the Port of Miami-Dade, any ballast, dunnage, sanitary sewage, butcher's offal, garbage, dead animals, gaseous liquid or solid matter, oil, gasoline, residuum of gas, calcium, carbide, trade waste, tar or refuse, or any other matter which is capable of producing floating matter or scum on the surface of the water, sediment or obstruction on the bottom of the waterways, or odors or gases of putrefaction.

All vessels and all persons using Port facilities shall take every precaution to avoid pollution of the air. County air pollution control procedures will be strictly enforced.

In addition to these regulations, all appropriate federal, state and local laws, rules or regulations pertaining to air and water pollution shall be rigidly observed.

In the event of a pollutant spill onto the property or into the waterways at the Port of Miami, the party(s) responsible for the spill shall take immediate actions to clean up the spill, regardless of where the spill occurs and regardless of whether the spill occurs on land leased or otherwise controlled by such party(ies). Cleanup is to be accomplished in the shortest time possible, using industry approved methods, so as to limit in every way possible, damage to the environment.

In any instance where it is determined by the Port of Miami that cleanup efforts are not being undertaken in a timely and/or adequate manner by the responsible party(s), the Port of Miami may order resources, as necessary, to commence and complete the pollutant spill cleanup. In such cases, the full cost of the cleanup plus an administrative fee of 15% will be charged to the responsible party(s). In instances where a vessel is a responsible party, full payment of the cleanup costs, including administrative fee, must be paid by the franchised agent or vessel representative before the vessel will be permitted to sail from the Port of Miami. In instances where a vessel is prohibited from sailing due to failure to pay cleanup costs as prescribed by this Item, dockage charges will continue to be applied until such time as vessel sails from

the Port of Miami. In the event any oil or hazardous substance is discharged or released into or upon any navigable waterway in a harmful or reportable quantity, the responsible party shall immediately notify the National Response Notification Center (1-800-424-8802) per USCG Requirements.

### 236. SPEED

It shall be unlawful for vessels or other water craft to proceed at a speed which will endanger other vessels or structures or to cause wake damage. All applicable federal, and local rules and regulations apply.

## Berthing

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### 240. APPLICATION FOR BERTH

The agent for a vessel desiring a berth at the Port of Miami-Dade shall, as far in advance of the date of docking as possible, make application to the Port of Miami-Dade berthing office in writing or electronically in the manner prescribed for a berth specifying the name of vessel, size, the date and estimated time of arrival, date and time of sailing, and the nature and quantity of cargo, if any, to be loaded or unloaded.

### 241. ASSIGNMENT OF BERTH

All berthing assignments shall be made by the Seaport Department and must be rigidly observed.

Any vessel which does not adhere to an established arrival schedule and conflicts with berth assignments previously made may be assigned an alternate berth or await the vacancy of a preferred berth.

Port of Miami-Dade reserves the right to assign berths for the optimal utilization of the Seaport's facilities.

### 242. CHANGE OF BERTH

Every vessel, boat, barge or other craft must, at all times, have on board a person in charge with authority to take such action in any actual emergency as may be necessary to facilitate common navigation or commerce, or for the protection of other vessels or property. The Port Director has discretionary authority to order and enforce the removal or change the berth or location of any vessel, boat, barge, or other water craft at its own expense, to such place as he may direct, for the purpose of facilitating navigation or commerce, or for the protection of other vessels or property, and it shall be unlawful for the master, owner or agent of such vessel to fail, neglect, or refuse to obey any such order.

If there is no responsible person available, or if the person in charge refuses to shift the vessel as directed, the Seaport Department shall have the vessel shifted at the risk and expense of the vessel.

### 243. UNAUTHORIZED BERTHING

Any vessel berthed in an unauthorized manner or shifted without approval of the Seaport Department shall be subject to an assessment in the amount equal to twice the published dockage fee. Such vessel may be moved to a properly designated berth without notice by the Seaport Department at the owner's risk and expense.

**244. VESSEL TO BE CONTINUOUSLY WORKED**

Any vessel accepted for berthing at the Port of Miami-Dade may be required to be worked continuously to completion, even with overtime, if necessary, when the assigned berth or the Port of Miami-Dade is declared congested by the Port Director.

Any vessel refusing to honor this requirement shall be considered as unauthorized berthing and the provisions of Item 246 shall apply.

**245. VESSEL FIRE NOTIFICATION**

In case of fire on board a vessel docked in Port, such vessels should sound a continuous ringing of ship's electrical bell or continuous sounding of ship's horn, to indicate a fire on board, or on the wharf at which the vessel is berthed. Such signal should be repeated at intervals to attract attention and be used as an additional method for reporting a fire.

**246. MAN OVERBOARD**

When a person falls overboard, the ship internal alarm bell should sound three (3) long rings and ship whistle should blow three (3) long blasts to notify the crew on board and the other ships in nearby vicinity.