

CHAPTER XIII

SHIP FAMILIARIZATION

010. REQUIREMENT

All midshipmen will participate in the training ship familiarization program normally administered by the Cadet Master and Cadet Chief Engineer during Regimental Preparatory Training and the Fall semester of Fourth Class (4/C) year. Successful completion of the program is required before a midshipman may participate in a training cruise. Successful completion is demonstrated by passing either an oral or written ship familiarization examination.

020. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the ship familiarization program are:

- .01 To familiarize midshipmen with the compartment numbering system and the physical lay out of the training ship.
- .02 To acquaint midshipmen with the various ship alarms and train them how to evacuate the training ship in the event of an emergency.
- .03 To teach midshipmen their watch duties and responsibilities especially the detection and reporting of fire and flooding.
- .04 To acquaint midshipmen with the general duties and responsibilities of the deck and engineering departments.
- .05 To expose midshipmen to living aboard the training ship and how to use the various ship services.
- .06 To teach midshipmen their shipboard cleaning, sanitation and trash disposal responsibilities.

030. LIVING ABOARD THE TRAINING SHIP

The most effective way to satisfy the training objectives listed above are for midshipmen to live aboard the training ship. Therefore, when the ship schedule permits midshipmen will live aboard the training ship for Regimental Preparatory Training and for part of the academic year prior to their first cruise.

040. STCW STANDARDS

Completion of the ship familiarization course and participation in the inport Castine period of the training cruise program satisfy the following STCW minimum standards of competence in Personal Safety and Social Responsibility:

- .01 Types of emergencies which may occur such as collision, fire, foundering and falling overboard.
- .02 Knowledge of shipboard contingency plans for response to emergencies.
- .03 Emergency signals and specific duties allocated to crewmembers in the muster list, muster stations and correct use of personal safety equipment.
- .04 Action to take on discovering a potential emergency including fire, collision, foundering and ingress of water into the ship.
- .05 Action to take on hearing emergency alarm signals.
- .06 Value of training and drills.
- .07 Knowledge of escape routes and internal communication and alarm systems.
- .08 Ability to understand orders and to communicate with others in relation to shipboard duties.
- .09 The importance of maintaining good human and working relationships aboard ship.
- .10 Importance of sanitation and personal hygiene when living on board a vessel.
- .11 Importance of maintaining good working relations on board and resolving disputes in a prompt, respectful and friendly manner.
- .12 Procedures for reporting unhealthy conditions or offensive behavior of others.