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EMERGENCY SIGNALS

1. GENERAL ALARM



Is the signal for summoning the ship's company and passengers to their 'Emergency Stations' muster points where they will be informed of the type of emergency e.g. fire, collision, grounding, man overboard etc.

In port all visitors are to proceed ashore immediately on hearing the signal.

The General Alarm signal is usually seven or more short rings/blasts followed by one long ring/blast on the general alarm system and/or the ship's whistle.

General Alarm Signal shall be followed by announcement of type of emergency on public address system.

The order to abandon ship will be given by the Master or his deputy. Life boats must not be lowered into the water without the specific instruction to this effect.

The piracy alarm shall be distinctive to avoid confusion with General Alarm Signal, potentially leading to the crew mustering at the wrong location outside the accommodation. Crew shall be made aware of piracy alarm signal and mustering point prior to entering the High Risk Area.


2. MAN OVER BOARD

The General Alarm signal is usually used for this and followed by an announcement of 'Man Overboard' on the public address system, or a separate 'Man Overboard' signal may be used consisting of three long blasts on the ship's whistle and/or alarm bells.

This signal is to alert everyone to keep a sharp lookout for the person in the water, and to alert the rescue boat crew to prepare the rescue boat for launching.

3. FIRE ALARM

There is no separate fire alarm. The General Alarm is used in the event of a fire.

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4. FAMILIARISATION

- 4.1. Everyone joining the ship for the first time must check the Muster Board and ensure they understand the various emergency signals that are applicable on board and are made aware of primary and secondary mustering points.
- 4.2. Familiarisation training sheets must be completed as soon as possible after joining. Those sections requiring completion prior to departure must be completed as a matter of urgency and if impracticable to complete before the ship sails, then as soon as is at all possible.