

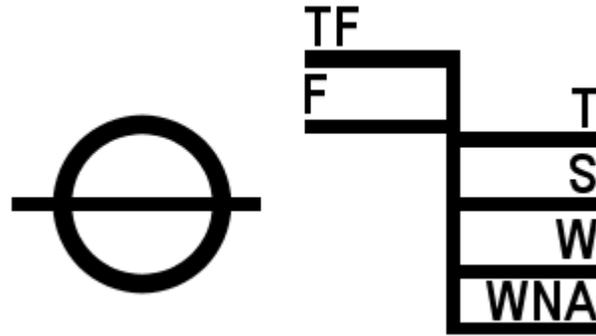


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Fish Tenders and Load Lines



Fish Tender Load Line Discussion





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Fish Tender / Load Line Charter Workgroup Meeting Agenda

- Welcome / Introductions
- Start workgroup ppt presentation (tender/load line issue, history etc)
- Load Line Presentation (Mr. Tom Jordan USCG HQ ENG-2)
- Break
- Resume workgroup ppt
- Q & A with industry
- Break
- Workgroup open discussion with industry



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WHY ARE WE HERE??

In the past two years, the Coast Guard in AK, WA and OR has seen an increase in the number of fishing vessels that are either:

- Changing their service to tendering full time, or
- Engaging in tendering when they are not participating in their fishery or fisheries (tendering part time).....*AND*
- The investigation into the loss of the FV EXITO





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NTSB REPORT – LOSS OF THE FTV EXITO – WITH 2 FATALITIES

The NTSB determined that the probable cause of the sinking of the EXITO was progressive flooding from an undetermined location.

Witness testimony during NTSB's investigation suggested:

- Numerous hull repairs were necessary due to holes and wastage
- Doubler plates and marine epoxies were used to effect repairs
- None of the repairs were made with CG or 3rd party oversight
- Wastage of the main deck under the wood false deck may have existed
- Compliance with load line would not have allowed EXITO to operate with these conditions





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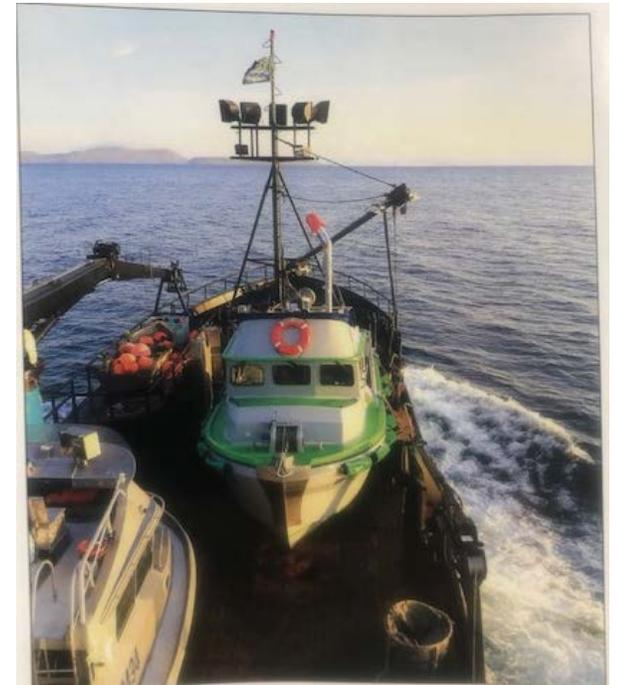


HOW DO I KNOW IF WHAT I AM DOING IS TENDERING?

[46 USC 2101\(11c\)](#) - means a vessel that commercially supplies, stores, refrigerates, or transports fish, fish products, or materials directly related to fishing or the preparation of fish to or from a fishing, fish processing, or fish tender vessel or a fish processing facility.



- *Stick Water Vessel?*
- *Buy Back Vessel?*





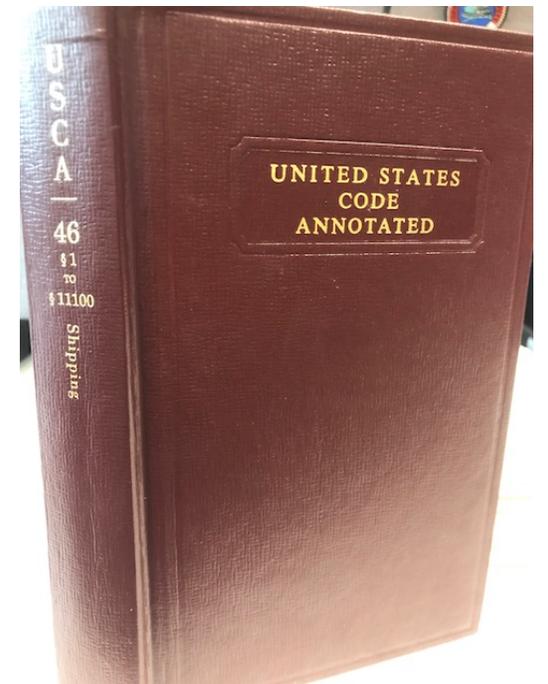
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SO, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Fish tender vessels <500GT which do not meet certain exemptions (to be discussed soon) in 46 USC 5102(b)(5) are required to comply with Load Line.





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IS THIS NEW? WHY HAVEN'T I HEARD THIS BEFORE?

There has been long running period on non-enforcement of load line applicability on certain fish tender vessels. This non-enforcement policy has been revisited due to a recent investigation and observed changes in the industry.



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SO WHAT EXACTLY IS A LOAD LINE ANYWAY?

Load Line is not only an actual line on a vessel which depicts safe loading but also a condition of maintenance including but not limited to:

- Hull envelope (weldments, shell plating, periodic gauging)
- Drydocking
- Stability
- Sea and overboard valves
- Rail and coaming heights
- Freeing ports
- Water/weather tight integrity
- Bilge pumping (valves, strainers)



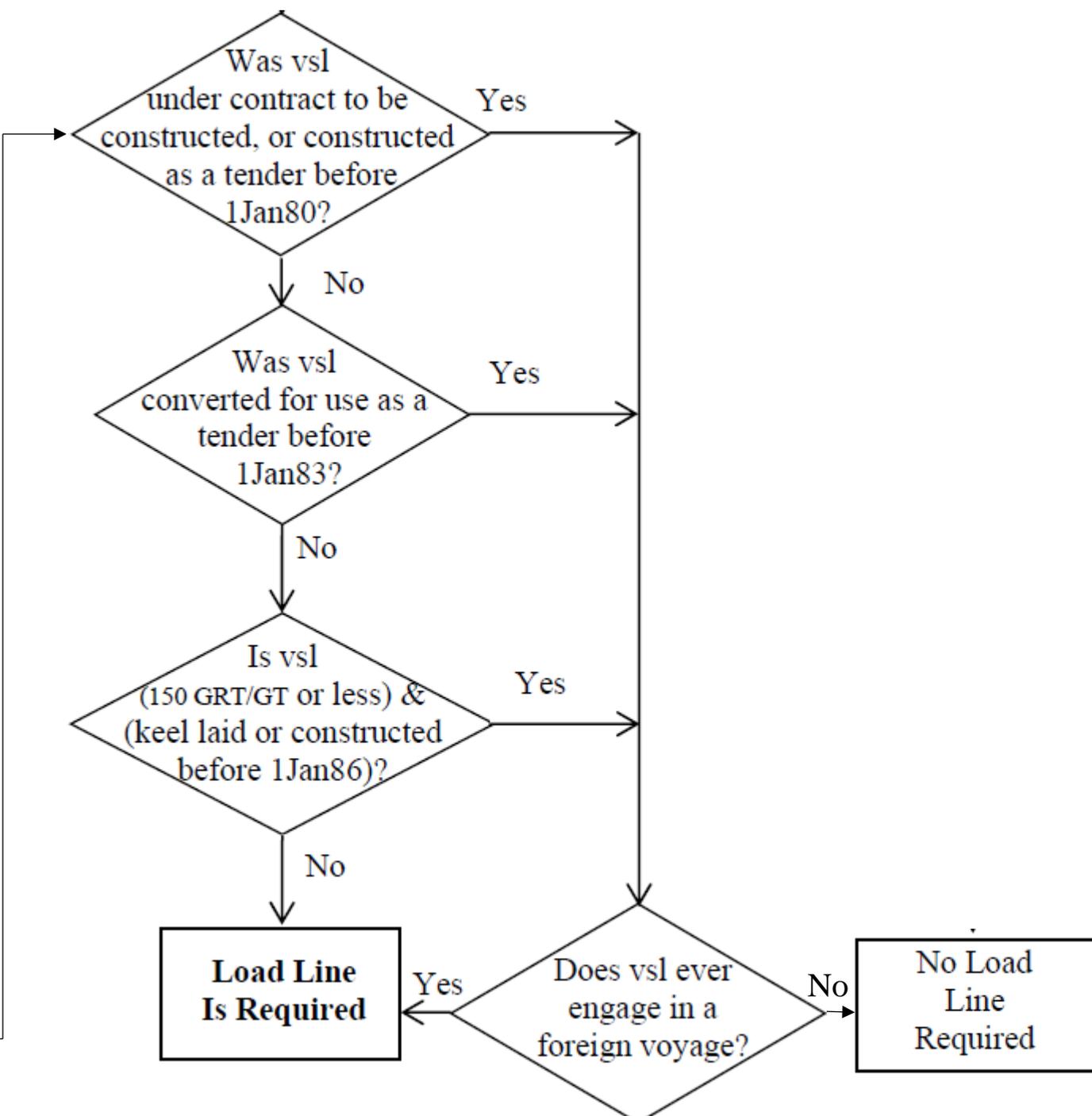
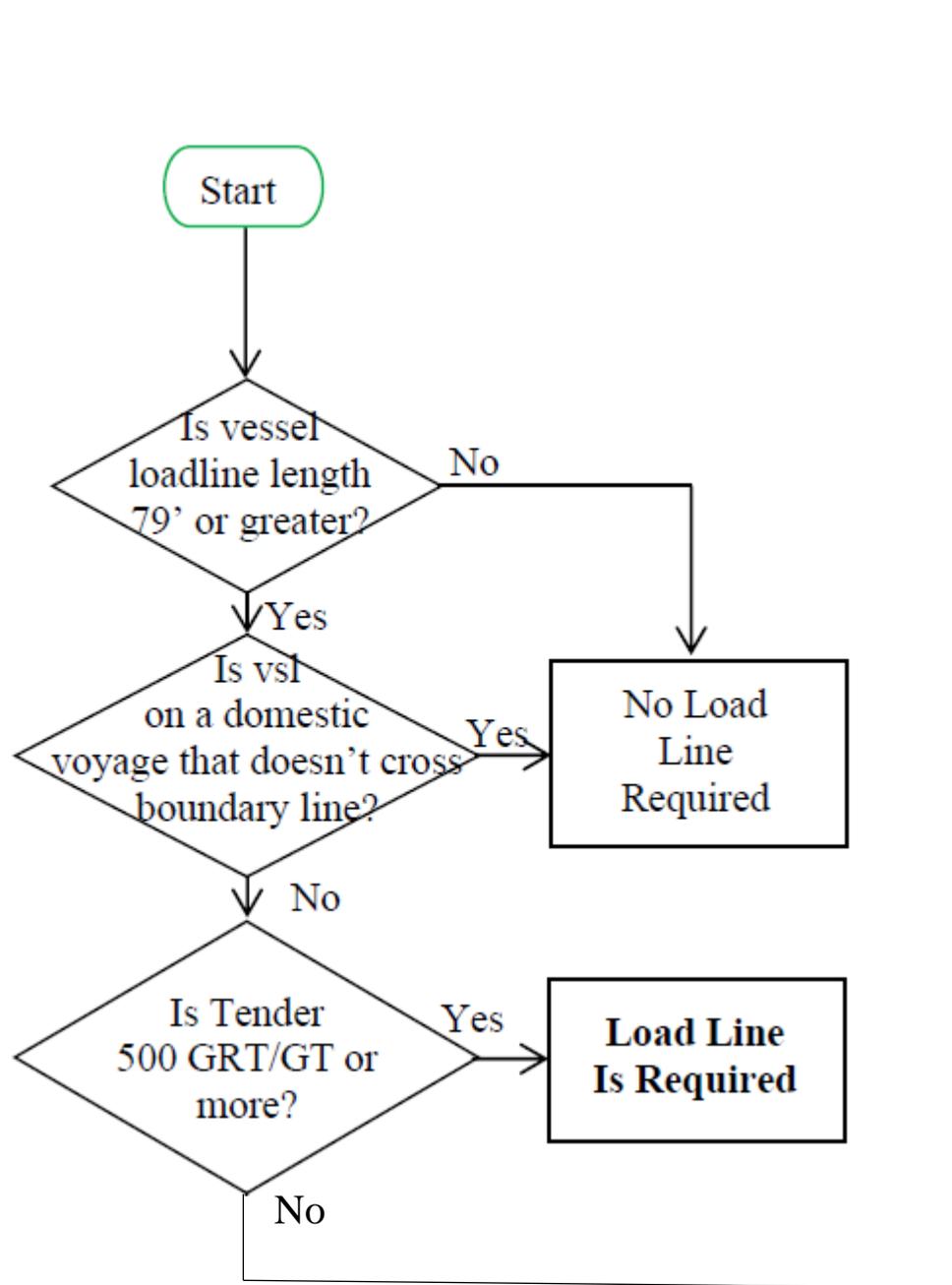


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HOW DO I KNOW IF I NEED ONE?





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HOW AM I GOING TO ADDRESS THIS?

The Coast Guard has formed a “Charter Workgroup” to work with industry to address possible solutions/compliance with the requirements of Load Line for vessels.



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WHAT IS THE COAST GUARD DOING NOW? WHAT NEXT?

- Currently:
 - Regulatory discretion/non-enforcement
 - Evaluating vessels we encounter for potential compliance case by case
 - Documenting instances of non-compliance
 - Formed charter work group
 - Engaging with industry
- Moving forward
 - Identify number of affected vessels
 - Discuss potential compliance options with industry
 - Solicit information from industry regarding current vessel maintenance regimens, perceived risks, fleet recapitalization, economic impacts
 - Measure CG's ability to oversee future compliance



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SUMMARY

Tenders less than 79' are exempt from load line.

Certain tenders 79' and greater may be required to comply with load line.

Fishing vessels that tender part time are required to comply with load line when operating as a fish tender.

The Coast Guard is addressing this issue with industry via a charter workgroup to determine the best avenue to bring vessels into compliance.



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THANK YOU!!!!

QUESTIONS???