

## HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

Reference: USCG Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular No. 9-81. "Coast Guard Guidance Regarding Shipboard Helicopter Facilities".

The helicopter facility is located on the stern section of the [vessel] above the mechanical modules (vans). The elevation of the helicopter deck is higher than the highest point of the quarters, which are located forward on the vessel.

The primary purpose for the installation of the helicopter deck on the vessel is to support emergency evacuation of personnel and delivery of mission essential components that could not otherwise be delivered by another vessel.

The largest helicopter that the vessel will receive is a [type of helicopter]. Helicopter refueling **WILL NOT** be conducted as part of any vessel operations.

### **Helicopter Pre-Arrival Check List:**

1. Authentication that a helicopter landing is absolutely necessary to vessel operation or the safety and/or life of the evacuee.
2. The helicopter pilot/dispatcher shall contact the [vessel] prior to takeoff and provide the following information: ETA of the aircraft, tail number, number of persons on board and hailing frequency.
3. Establish communications with the helicopter on the designated frequency. If communications have not been established, the helicopter will not be authorized to land on the vessel.
4. The fire main shall be charged and tested 30 minutes prior to all helicopter arrivals. Any deficiencies regarding the proper function of the fire main shall be brought to the attention of the Person In Charge (PIC).

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