

FWD. ENG. RM.

**BRIDGE and ENGINE
BELL BOOK**



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Bridge and Engine Bell Book is an adjunct to the ship's log. Its primary purpose is to accurately record the transmission and receipt of engine orders. It further provides a convenient means for recording all information pertinent to maneuvering while entering or departing port, or while shifting berth.
2. The book is designed for use by the bridge and engine room(s) in both single and twin-screw ships. All information on upper left pages will be completed by bridge operators. (Names of pilots will include first name or initials.) Engine operators will only complete the first two lines on this page.
3. Applicable boxes on the top of right pages will be checked by bridge and engine operators. Separate books will be maintained for twin-screw ships with engines located in separate spaces. Applicable boxes at the top of right page will be checked by engine operators to reflect appropriate engines. The RPM column shall be completed only by engine operators.
4. Approved symbols, as indicated, will be used for recording bells. Time will be entered in four-digit numbers, commencing at 0001, one minute past midnight, to 2400, the following midnight.
5. No alterations or erasures will be made in the book. When a correction is necessary, a single line shall be drawn through the original entry so that the entry remains legible. The correction shall be initialed by the person keeping the record. All information pertinent to maneuvering shall be recorded under "Remarks."

6. Bell book(s) shall be kept from:

a. Arrival to finished with engines (FWE).

b. Standby engines (SBE) to departure.

c. Whenever the ship is shifted in a harbor under her own power.

d. When otherwise deemed appropriate by the master.

7. The master will insure that bell books are available at all times on the bridge and in the engine room(s) and that officers on watch properly and accurately record all signals.

8. After the engines have been rung off on conclusion of a maneuver, officers recording the bells shall sign the book in the space designated. In the event an officer is relieved during a maneuver, a notation to this effect will be made in the remarks column, with the time and signature of the officer being relieved. The relieving officer will sign the book in the space provided at the bottom of the right page.

9. Bell books will be retained on board for six months after completion and then transferred to the home port commander. Bell books will be retained by the home port commander for three years from date of last entry and then destroyed.

PORT <u>OAKLAND</u>		VOYAGE NO. <u>SEA TRIAL</u>	
☐ ARRIVAL	☐ DEPARTURE	DATE	TIME
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
EMERGENCY STEERING MANNED	SECURED	SBE	FWE

* BELL SYMBOLS

AHEAD		BACK
SLOW	<u>L</u>	SLOW <u>—/</u>
HALF	<u>L+</u>	HALF <u>+ /</u>
FULL	<u>L+</u>	FULL <u>++ /</u>
EMERG	<u>(4)</u>	EMERG. <u>(+)</u>

STOP Z

REMARKS

10-29-65

516y 1006

CTR 63927410

ECM 1562520

SHAFT, CTR 71837953

1017 L

1017 1/2 L+

1020 1/2 Z

1025 L

1026 4

1032 +

1035 1/2 4

1048 1/2 4+

1048 3/4 L

1050 1/2 4

1053 4+

1053 4

1053 3/4 4+

1114 1/2 4

1115 1/2 L

1120 4

1122 L

1129 4+

1130 1/2 L

1252 1120
2

☐ BRIDGE☐ STARBOARD
OR
FWD (NO. 1)☐ PORT
OR
AFT (NO. 2)STARBOARD ENGINE
OR FORWARD (NO. 1)PORT ENGINE
OR AFT (NO. 2)

TIME	* BELL	RPM	TIME	* BELL	RPM
1006	5th				
1135 ³ / ₄	L				
1142	—				
1145	4th				
1150	L	240			
1153	4th				
1156 ¹ / ₂	L				
1159 ¹ / ₂	4th				
1159 ³ / ₄	4th				
1202 ¹ / ₂	—				
1205	4th				
1207 ¹ / ₂	—				
1210 ¹ / ₂	4th				
1211 ¹ / ₂	—				
1213 ¹ / ₂	4th				
1217 ¹ / ₂	—				
1220 ³ / ₄	4th				
1222 ¹ / ₂	—				
1224 ¹ / ₂	4th				
1226 ¹ / ₂	L				
1229 ¹ / ₂	4th				
1234	L				
1235 ¹ / ₂	1st				
1239 ³ / ₄	4th				
1242 ¹ / ₄	L				
1244 ¹ / ₂	4th				
1246	L				
1247	4th				
1250 ¹ / ₂	L				
1255 ¹ / ₂	4th				
1257 ¹ / ₂	4th				
1259 ¹ / ₄	4th	220			
1301 ¹ / ₄	L				
1302 ¹ / ₂	4th				

WATCH OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

PORT		VOYAGE NO.	
☐ ARRIVAL	☐ DEPARTURE	DATE	TIME
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM	TO	DISCHARGED	
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM	TO	DISCHARGED	
EMERGENCY STEERING MANNED	SECURED	SBE	FWE

* BELL SYMBOLS

AHEAD			BACK	
SLOW	∠		SLOW	—/
HALF	∠+		HALF	+ /
FULL	∠#	STOP Z	FULL	# /
EMERG.	④		EMERG.	⊕

REMARKS

14 NOV 22 ELS B/O/B 1550

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10-29-65

STARBOARD OR FWD (NO. 1)			PORT OR AFT (NO. 2)		
TIME	* BELL	RPM	TIME	* BELL	RPM
1304 1/2	L		1503	4H	70 B/c 113
1306 1/4	4H				9.918 224
1327	4H		1749	STBY	
1328	L		1927	2H	5.2m
1331 1/2	Z		2148	Z	
1331 1/2	L		0020	4H	60 RPM PHONE -
1331 3/4	4H		0039	4H	80 RPM PHONE -
1332	4H		0048	STBY	
1334	Z		0048	L	
1339	L		0048	Z	
1339 1/2	4H		0051 1/2	L	
1341	Z		0052 1/2	4H	
1341	L				
1342	4H				
1342	4H				
1343	Z				
1344	L				
1345	Z				
1346 3/4	L				
1349	Z				
1349	L				
1349 1/2	Z				
1350	4H				
1350 1/2	Z				
1352	L				
1353	4H				
1353 1/2	4H				
1403	4H				
1409 1/2	L				
1412	4H				
1417	4H				
1440	Z				
1446 1/2	L				
1459	4H				

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10-30-68

PORT		VOYAGE NO.	
☐ ARRIVAL ☐ DEPARTURE		DATE	TIME
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
EMERGENCY STEERING MANNED	SECURED	SBE	FWE

* BELL SYMBOLS

AHEADBACKSLOW SLOW HALF HALF FULL 

STOP Z

FULL EMERG. EMERG. 

REMARKS

10-30-65



BRIDGE

STARBOARD
OR
FWD (NO. 1)PORT
OR
AFT (NO. 2)STARBOARD ENGINE-
OR FORWARD (NO. 1)PORT ENGINE
OR AFT (NO. 2)

TIME	* BELL	RPM	TIME	* BELL	RPM
0020	KTi	60 RPM PHONE	0844	FW'E	
0039	4+	80 RPM PHONE			
0048	STBY				
0048	L				
0048	Z				
0051 1/2	L				
0052 1/2	4				
0058	4+	60 RPM PHONE			
0145	STBY				
0151 1/2		70 RPM PHONE N. 8 R			
0546 1/2	4+	40			
0552	L				
0605 1/2	4+				
0618	4+				
0627	4+	70 PHONE			
0712	4				
0713	L				
0715	4+				
0730	L				
0734	4				
0806	L				
0814	Z				
0818	L				
0820	4+				
0822	Z				
0822	L				
0823.5	Z				
0823.5	L				
0825.7	Z				
0829	L				
0830	Z				
0837	L				
0837.5	Z				

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BRIDGE

STARBOARD
OR
FWD (NO. 1)



FWD (NO. 1)

PORT
OR
AFT (NO. 2)

AFT (NO. 2)

STARBOARD ENGINE
OR FORWARD (NO. 1)

PORT ENGINE
OR AFT (NO. 2)WATCH OFFICER'S SIGNATURE _____

H48707

7-4-65



BRIDGE

STARBOARD
OR
FWD (NO. 1)PORT
OR
AFT (NO. 2)STARBOARD ENGINE
OR FORWARD (NO. 1)PORT ENGINE
OR AFT (NO. 2)

TIME

* BELL

RPM

TIME

* BELL

RPM

0055

JHR

0105

Full Power

0130

Phone 16 Hz

0446

4 40

0446 1/2

L 20

0447

2 0

0447 1/2

L 30

0448

H 45

0459

2 0

0459 1/2

4 40

0459 1/2

4 40

0502 1/2

4 60

0506

STR

0624 1/2

60 BOB

0626 1/2

4 40

0635 1/2

4 60

0653

4 40

0658 1/2

4 60

0701 1/2

4 40

0705 1/2

L 20

0710

4 40

0718

L 20

0718 1/2

2 0

0720

L 20

0720 1/2

2 0

0723

J 15

0725

2 0

0726 1/2

L 20

0727

2 0

0727 1/2

L 20

0731

2 0

0735

H 30

0738

J 15

0738 1/2

H 30

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H46787

☐ BRIDGE ☐ STARBOARD OR FWD (NO. 1) ☐ PORT OR AFT (NO. 2)

STARBOARD ENGINE
OR FORWARD (NO. 1)

PORT ENGINE
OR AFT (NO. 2)

TIME	* BELL	RPM	TIME	* BELL	RPM
0739	↖	15	0740		
0743	—	15			
0745	↗	0			
0747	⊥	40			
0753½	⊥	20			
0800	↗	0			
0801	⊥	20			
0801.3	↗	0			
0805	⊥	60			
0810	⊥	40			
0814.5	⊥	20			
0816	⊥	40			
0817	⊥	60			
0819	⊥	40			
0820	⊥	20			
0821	⊥	EB			
0821.6	⊥	40			
0829	⊥	60			
0831	⊥	40			
0839.5	⊥	20			
0841	↗	0			
0849	⊥	20			
0854	↗	0			
0856.6	⊥	30			
0858	↗	0			
0859	↖	15			
0859.3	⊥	30			
0859.5	↗	0			
0901.3	↖	15			
0901.7	↗	0			
0906	FIVE	0			

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PORT		VOYAGE NO.	
☐ ARRIVAL ☐ DEPARTURE		DATE	TIME
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
EMERGENCY STEERING MANNED	SECURED	SBE	FWE

* BELL SYMBOLS

AHEAD			BACK	
SLOW			SLOW	
HALF			HALF	
FULL		STOP Z	FULL	
EMERG.			EMERG.	

REMARKS

Dep 1030
 Ctr 72016125
 FOM 1589910

11-9-65



BRIDGE

STARBOARD
OR
FWD (NO. 1)PORT
OR
AFT (NO. 2)STARBOARD ENGINE
OR FORWARD (NO. 1)PORT ENGINE
OR AFT (NO. 2)

TIME

* BELL

RPM

TIME

* BELL

RPM

0818 STBF

FOM 1589620

ENTF 64098421

SHAFT
COUNTER 72609863

0832 1 15

0834 2 0

0840 4 40

0840 4 60

0842 4 40

0855 4 60

0905 1 20

0910 4 40

0910 4 60

0922 4 40

0927 1 20

0931 4 40

0933 4 60

0935 70 BOB.

1030 DEP 80 RPM, BOB

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PORT		VOYAGE NO.	
☐ ARRIVAL ☐ DEPARTURE		DATE	TIME
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
EMERGENCY STEERING MANNED	SECURED	SBE	FWE

* BELL SYMBOLS

<u>AHEAD</u>			<u>BACK</u>	
SLOW	/		SLOW	/
HALF	/+		HALF	+ /
FULL	/+	STOP Z	FULL	+ /
EMERG.	(4)		EMERG.	(+)

REMARKS

ARRIVAL @ 1230
 C-72224620
 M-4905500
 FWE-72230060



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STARBOARD
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AFT (NO. 2)STARBOARD ENGINE
OR FORWARD (NO. 1)PORT ENGINE
OR AFT (NO. 2)

TIME

* BELL

RPM

TIME

* BELL

RPM

1230 Pbone 60

1237 4 40

1239 4+ 60

1332 4 40

~~1332 4+ 60~~

1332 L 20

1338 4 40

1339 4+ 60

1341 4 40

1344 4+ 60

1346 1/2 4 40

1400 4+ 60

1405 4 40

1407 L 20

1409 1/2 4 60

1426 4 40

1427 L 20

1441 2 0

1446 L 15

1447 4+ 30

1447 1/2 2 0

1448 1/2 L 15

1451 2 0

1453 L 20

1454 2 0

1458 FWE

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☐ BRIDGE		☐ STARBOARD OR FWD (NO. 1)	☐ PORT OR AFT (NO. 2)
STARBOARD ENGINE OR FORWARD (NO. 1)			PORT ENGINE OR AFT (NO. 2)
TIME	* BELL	RPM	
1049	STBY	0	
1105	—	15	
1106	Z	0	
1107	H	40	
1107.7	Z	0	
1113.5	V	20	
1127	H	40	
1129	L	20	
1138	Z	0	
1142.6	—	15	
1143.5	Z	0	
1146.5	—	15	
1148	Z	0	
1152	—	15	
1153.3	Z	0	
1154.5	V	20	
1205.2	Z	0	
1217-1	4	40	
1218-1	Z	0	
1226-2	L	20	
1228	Z	0	
1229.5	—	15	
1231.5	Z	0	
1232	V	20	
1234	Z	0	
1235	L	20	
1235.6	Z	0	
1236.6	V	20	
1238.38	Z	0	
1241	FWE	0	

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PORT <u>OAKLAND</u> <u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>		VOYAGE NO.	
☐ ARRIVAL	☐ DEPARTURE	DATE <u>11/18/65</u>	TIME
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
PILOT		ON BOARD	
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
EMERGENCY STEERING MANNED	SECURED	SBE	FWE

* BELL SYMBOLS

AHEAD			BACK	
SLOW			SLOW	
HALF			HALF	
FULL		STOP Z	FULL	
EMERG			EMERG.	

REMARKS

ARR.
 © 72268000
 Stby
 Ctr
 FOM



BRIDGE

STARBOARD
OR
FWD (NO. 1)PORT
OR
AFT (NO. 2)STARBOARD ENGINE
OR FORWARD (NO. 1)PORT ENGINE
OR AFT (NO. 2)

TIME

* BELL

RPM

TIME

* BELL

RPM

0633

570Y

1629.5

Z

—

0649

—

15

1630

—

15

0651

N

30

1630.5

Z

—

0652

Z

—

1631

—

15

0653

—

20

1632

Z

—

0654

—

40

1633

—

15

0655

Z

—

1634

Z

—

0656

+

40

1640

Finished with Eng.

0704

LH

60

0719

LH

40

0725

LH

60

0731

LH

—

0743

LH

60

0746

LH

70

0755

ON THE BLOCK,

07223

7655

0756

—

0757

—

15

0758

—

0759

—

0800

Phone

80

0800

Phone

70

1522

LH

40

1527

LH

20

1530

LH

40

1535

LH

20

1538

LH

40

1540

LH

60

1555

LH

40

1605

LH

20

1617

Z

—

1627

—

15

1628

LH

30

1629

LH

45

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PORT

VOYAGE NO.

OAH. Dock HWHSE TO NSC

☐

ARRIVAL

☐

DEPARTURE

DATE

11/20/65

TIME

PILOT

ON BOARD

AT THE CONN FROM

TO

DISCHARGED

PILOT

ON BOARD

AT THE CONN FROM

TO

DISCHARGED

EMERGENCY STEERING MANNED

SECURED

SBE

FWE

* BELL SYMBOLS

AHEAD

SLOW



HALF



FULL



EMERG.



STOP Z

BACK

SLOW



HALF



FULL



EMERG.



REMARKS

Stand by

etc

FOM

☐ PORT
OR
AFT (NO. 2)

WATCH OFFICER'S SIGNATURE _____

PORT CH/NAUA, NAUA		VOYAGE NO. 1	
☒ ARRIVAL	☒ DEPARTURE	DATE 12/14/65	TIME 0700
PILOT			ON BOARD
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
PILOT			ON BOARD
AT THE CONN FROM		TO	DISCHARGED
EMERGENCY STEERING MANNED	SECURED	SBE	FWE

	<u>AHEAD</u>		<u>BACK</u>
SLOW			SLOW
HALF			HALF
FULL		STOP Z	FULL
EMERG.			EMERG.

REMARKS

☐ BRIDGE☒ STARBOARD
OR
FWD (NO. 1)☐ PORT
OR
AFT (NO. 2)STARBOARD ENGINE
OR FORWARD (NO. 1)PORT ENGINE
OR AFT (NO. 2)

TIME	* BELL	RPM	TIME	* BELL	RPM
0725	57BY	50	0859	Z	
0730	4H	50	0900	4H	30
0734	4H	60	0902	V	15
0746	4	40	0903	Z	
0755	L	20	0904	V	15
0801	4H	40	0904.5	Z	
0809	4H	60	0905	V	15
0815	4H	40	0906	Z	
0815.5	V	20	0907	V	20
0816	Z		0908	Z	
0817	V	20	0910	FVIE	
0820	4H	40	C-740605	70	
0825	4H	60	H-		
0825.5	V	20	P-5027760		
0833	4H	40	S-1715230		
0835	V	20			
0841	4H	40			
0843	L	20			
0845	4H	40			
0846	V	20			
0846.5	Z				
0847	V	15			
0848	Z				
0849	V	15			
0850	4H	30			
0851	4H	45			
0852	Z				
0853	V	15			
0854	4H	30			
0855	V	15			
0855.5	Z				
0856	V	15			
0857	Z				
0858	4H	30			

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☐ BRIDGE ☒ ~~STARBOARD~~ OR FWD (NO. 1) ☐ PORT OR AFT (NO. 2)

PORT ENGINE
OR AFT (NO. 2)[illegible]

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