Bridge Checklist

Anchoring and Anchor Watch

To be used by OOW / Master when vessel proceeding for anchoring/ soon after anchoring and logged each time in Movement Book.

Anchoring and anchor watch

1. Anchoring plan been prepared taking into account

01	Speed reduction in ample time	
02	Direction/strength of wind and current	
03	Tidal stream when manoeuvring at low speeds	
04	Need for adequate sea room particularly to seaward	
05	Depth of water, type of seabed and the scope of anchor cable required	

2. Prior anchoring

01	Have the engine room and anchor party been informed of the time of 'stand- by' for anchoring?	
02	Ensure largest scale chart in use.	
03	Are the anchors, lights/shapes and sound signaling apparatus ready for use? Windlass tried out.	
04	Has the planned anchoring position of the ship been reported to the port authority?	
05	Walkie-talkies charged & tried out	

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3. While at anchor, the OOW should

01	Determine and plot the ship's position on the appropriate chart as soon as practicable	
02	When circumstances permit, check at sufficiently frequent intervals whether the ship is remaining securely at anchor by taking bearings of fixed navigation marks or readily identifiable shore objects.	
03	Ensure that proper look-out is maintained visually, radar, AIS & all available means.	
	Ensure that inspection rounds of the ship are made periodically.	
04	Ensure vessel access control precautions are maintained in respect of vessel security.	
05	VHF on appropriate port channel & CH 16 monitored.	
06	Observe meteorological and tidal conditions and the state of the sea.	
07	Notify the master and undertake all necessary measures if the ship drags anchor	
08	Ensure that the state of readiness of the main engines and other machinery is in accordance with the master's instructions.	
09	Ship's anchor position1 verified regularly. [Should vessel's position cross the swinging circle boundary, Master, Chief Mate, engine room and Bosun to be called. Engine to be brought to full manoeuvring status, cable to be observed for dragging and Master's orders awaited.]	
10	Deck watch to patrol regularly, with radio reporting schedule to bridge as instructed by OOW. No unauthorized persons to be permitted to board vessel. Full gangway watch to be maintained where accommodation ladder is in use.	

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11	Security level as required by Flag state/Port State maintained. SSP procedures for current security level implemented. Any specific requirements by Port state complied with.	
12	If visibility deteriorates, notify the master.	