

Blind Distance Declaration

Vessel's information			
Vessel's Name		Arrival date	
SIN		Arrival side	
Last port name		Next port name	

All vessels over 45.72 m (150 feet) in Length Overall (LOA) arriving in Canal waters, whether for docking or transiting the Panama Canal, are required to report their blind distance (in meters), calculated for Tropical Salt Water, from conning positions 1, 2 and 3.

Vessels intending to dock prior to transit must provide visibility condition both for docking and for transit

“Blind Distance” is the forward distance from the bow of the vessel to the closest point on the water’s surface which can be seen from all conning positions in the navigation bridge. An observer’s height of eye of 1.80 meters above the bridge deck must be used to determine this distance, and it must be reported in meters. The Blind Distance at conning position #1 is not applicable to vessels equipped with centerline cranes.

“Ship Length (SL)” is calculated by dividing the blind distance in meters by the vessel’s LOA.

Blind distance for Transit			
Calculated by:	Master	Panama Canal	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 150px;">Conning position No. 1</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 0 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>m</div> <div>SL</div> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 150px;">Conning position No. 2</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 0 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>m</div> <div>SL</div> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 150px;">Conning position No. 3</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 0 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>m</div> <div>SL</div> </div> </div>	
Exceeding IMO Visibility <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 25px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;"></div>			

Blind distance for vessels proceeding to dock			
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<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 150px;">Conning position No. 1</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 0 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>m</div> <div>SL</div> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 150px;">Conning position No. 2</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 0 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>m</div> <div>SL</div> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 150px;">Conning position No. 3</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin: 0 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>m</div> <div>SL</div> </div> </div>	
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 280px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Captain's Name</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 190px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Date</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 285px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Submitted by / Collected by</p>
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