

e. Fast Cruise.

(1) All ships completing a CNO Maintenance Availability shall conduct a Fast Cruise where the ship assumes, insofar as practical, an "at sea" posture while inport with all equipment/systems used to the maximum extent possible. The primary purpose of the Fast Cruise is to determine and certify the state of training of ship's company as adequate to conduct at-sea operations. The progress toward this goal is a critical evolution ongoing throughout the availability requiring the TYCOM and ship's CO attention. The training program must be designed to have completed all training necessary to safely operate the ship at sea prior to Fast Cruise. The Fast Cruise provides the opportunity to measure ship's preparedness; it is not a basic training period. Commencement of Fast Cruise requires TYCOM permission. Appendix M of this chapter provides a sample message format for Ship's Request for Permission to Commence Fast Cruise.

(2) The following procedures pertain to the conduct of Fast Cruise:

(a) Fast Cruise will be included as a major event and scheduled for at least two days duration by the industrial activity in the case of ships undergoing a CNO maintenance availability greater than six months in duration or at least one day for ships undergoing a CNO maintenance availability less than six months in duration. The Fast Cruise shall follow Dock Trials and precede Sea Trials.

(b) A schedule of proposed events shall be promulgated by the ship to all activities concerned and shall be concurred with by the industrial activity.

(c) Limited numbers of industrial activity personnel may be permitted to be aboard as necessary to continue testing and production work on system as required. Shop and technical personnel shall be permitted on board as instructors, troubleshooters and QA representatives of the industrial activity. Equipment that is not complete shall not be included in the Fast Cruise. Settlement of the foregoing provisions shall be reached by mutual agreement between the CO and the industrial activity, as warranted.

(d) As a minimum standard, system operation tests and drills described in Appendix N of this chapter shall be conducted in all Fast Cruises. It is intended that the necessary prerequisite training shall have already been accomplished.

(3) Ship's CO shall report completion of Fast Cruise to the TYCOM. Appendix O of this chapter is a sample message format for Ship's Report of Fast Cruise Completion.