

## SEIZURE OF VESSELS

It is the policy of this Court that for the safety of deputy United States Marshals, in the normal course of events, the United States Marshal's Service will not seize vessels that require a bar pilot for their movement in the Mississippi River after dark. Provided, however, that the United States Marshal's Service receives from the appropriate pilot's association, after notification to the association that a warrant of attachment has been issued and is in the hands of the Marshal, written acknowledgment that the pilot's association will hold the vessel in port or at anchorage and not permit movement of the vessel until the United States Marshal's Service can seize the vessel the following morning.

In any case in which the seizing party can show exigent circumstances requiring an immediate seizure, prior to the time the United States Marshal's Service would under this order seize the vessel, any judge of this court can order the United States Marshal's Service to execute the warrant and seize a vessel at any time of the day or night. Situations contemplated by this paragraph shall be determined on a case by case basis.

This order shall not apply to vessels not requiring a bar pilot (e.g., tugs, barges, supply boats, crew boats, etc.).

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