

Definition
“SHELTERED LOCATION”
UNOLS Portable Vans

Approval for “sheltered use” means the van is attached to the vessel in a location as defined below, and the master is required to exercise his/her judgement in evacuating the van of all persons in the event of heavy weather.

Sheltered Location: A location that sufficiently protects the van such that the maximum force to which it will be subjected during normal operations will be wind load, and the van will not experience any significant wave action while attached at that location. To be considered a sheltered location, the location must be either:

- 1) On the vessel's third tier where the first or lowest tier is that located on the freeboard deck; OR
- 2) On the vessel's second tier aft amidships and aft the vessel's superstructure or deckhouse; OR
- 3) On the vessel's first or lowest tier aft amidships, aft the vessel's superstructure or deckhouse, AND is in a location that in the opinion of the vessel's master will not experience any significant wave action due to being sufficiently located inboard the side shell or protected by a full height bulwark.

The “freeboard deck” normally is the uppermost continuous deck having permanent means for closing all openings in its weather portions, and below which all openings in the vessel's side are equipped with permanent means for watertight closure. In cases where a vessel is designed for a special draft considerably less than that corresponding to the least freeboard obtainable under the International Load Line Regulations, the freeboard deck may be taken as the lowest actual deck from which the draft can be obtained under those regulations.

Where the depth to the uppermost continuous weather deck is such that the freeboard to this deck exceeds tabular freeboard by at least one standard superstructure height and the vessel's watertight bulkheads extend to this weather deck, the deckhouses and superstructures on this weather deck may be considered second tier. This consideration for excess freeboard may be followed in a similar manner to determine third tier superstructures or deckhouses.