



How to Navigate Your Course

The BENNINGTON is a big ship, but to facilitate your movements about the ship, here is a general explanation of the system for numbering compartments.

There are 205 frames in the BENNINGTON between the forward and after perpendiculars numbered from bow to stern. A frame is an athwartship rib extending up from the keel to which the side plates are secured.

The ship is divided into three sections: A—from the bow to frame 79; B—from frame 79 to frame 150, and C—from frame 150 to the stern.

The system of numbering decks uses the hangar deck as the main deck or the first deck. Every level above the hangar deck has a consecutively higher number prefixed by a zero. Every level below the hangar deck has a consecutively higher number with no prefix.

Compartments are numbered from forward-aft within the sections of the ship. Spaces are further designated by letters which follow the compartment numbers and indicate utilization. For example: A for storerooms; L for living compartments; M for ammunition and magazines, and F for fuel.

The last digit of a compartment number indicates its location as to side of the ship—even numbers on the port side and odd numbers on the starboard.

To illustrate this system of numbering an analysis of a compartment number will be made using compartment C-201-L as an example.

C indicates after section of ship. 2 indicates second deck or one deck below the hangar deck. 01 means the compartment must be the first from the forward part of section C and must be on the starboard side. And the L tells us it is a living space.

And now you'll never get lost. But if you do, any officer or crewmember will be ready to assist.