

Checklist for the Scattering of Cremated Remains at Sea

1. Your Funeral Home, Mortuary, or Crematory can assist you in shipping the ashes. They may also be able to ship the ashes to us directly. If you have the ashes in your possession, we can meet you in the Santa Monica/Marina del Rey area and take possession of them personally.

The USPS has a page by page “how to ship ashes” at http://about.usps.com/publications/pub139/pub139_v00_001.htm

2. Items to include with the ashes:

- The VS-9 California Burial Permit that states disposition as “At sea off the coast of Los Angeles County.”
- Authorization for the Scattering of Cremated Remains at Sea (page 2 of this PDF)
- Your payment. We accept checks, Visa, MasterCard or Paypal. We can take your payment over the phone or fill out the form on page 3.

3. Pack the cremains in a siftproof (USPS jargon for powders) container.* The original plastic bag provided by the crematory is sufficient for a siftproof container. Put the siftproof container in a padded shipping box - your mortuary or funeral home can provide you with one.

** USPS Guidelines: 12.9.3 Cremated Remains [1-26-14] Human and animal ashes (cremated remains) are permitted to be mailed provided they are in a strong and durable container and packaged as required in 9.2. The identity of the contents should be marked (Label 139, is preferred) on the address side next to the shipping label. Mailpieces sent to domestic addresses **must** be sent using Priority Mail Express service.*

4. Mark the outside “Cremated Human Remains” or even better, request Label 139 at the post office.
5. Ship cremains to: Admiralty Sailing, P.O. Box 10340, Marina Del Rey, CA 90295. The box must be mailed using “Priority Mail Express”. This will ensure you have a tracking number from the post office. We cannot be held responsible for ashes during transit. A shipping label is included in this PDF.

What Admiralty Sailing will do upon receipt

1. Your loved one’s ashes will be scattered at sea, usually within 2 weeks of receipt. (Weather permitting) California law requires ashes be scattered within 60 days of receipt. We will send you the coordinates when we have dispersed the ashes. If you wish to be called/texted the day the ashes are scattered, please let us know before shipping or note on the authorization form.
2. We will photograph the ashes and flower petals on the boat with that day’s newspaper, the ashes, flower petals being scattered, and 2 views of the ashes/petals in Santa Monica Bay with a view of the coastline. We will select the best pictures, create, and email the photographic PDF record of the event. Sample available here: [Unattended Scattering.pdf](#)
3. After the scattering, we will fill out the VS-9 form, send the original back to the County of Los Angeles and mail a copy back to the person authorizing the scattering along with a remembrance card showing the exact latitude and longitude of the scattering.
4. We will anonymize the shipping materials and dispose of the packaging, container and ashes bag.





Please call Captain Stu with any questions or concerns before sending the ashes @ 323-314-2963.

Authorization for the Scattering of Cremated Remains at Sea

I hereby authorize Admiralty Sailing to take possession of and make arrangements for the disposition of the cremated remains of _____ (“Deceased”) in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this authorization; the Company’s Rules and Regulations, and any applicable federal, state or local laws and regulations.

I certify that I have the full legal right and authority to authorize the disposition of the remains of the Deceased.

I hereby authorize Admiralty Sailing to make disposition of cremated remains of the Deceased at sea in the Pacific Ocean.

I hereby direct Admiralty Sailing to scatter said cremated remains at sea, in accordance with State and Federal Law.

Special Instructions: _____

If no specific instructions are provided herein, scattering will be performed by Admiralty Sailing, within 14 days of receipt of the cremains, weather permitting.

“Scattering” consists of the scattering of cremated remains at sea. I understand that once the cremated remains of the Deceased are scattered, they are unrecoverable. Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, once scattering of cremated remains of the Deceased has been performed, Admiralty Sailing will dispose of the container which contained said cremated remains.

The obligation of Admiralty Sailing shall be limited to the disposition of the cremated remains as directed herein. I agree to release and hold harmless Admiralty Sailing, its affiliates and their agents, employees, successors and assigns from any and all loss, damage, liability or causes of action (including attorney’s fee and expenses of litigation) in connection with the disposition of the cremated remains of the Deceased as authorized herein or respect to the identification of said cremated remains as being those of the Deceased.

Date of authorization _____ Phone # _____

Print Name _____

Relationship to Deceased _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

email _____

Signature _____



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Admiralty Sailing Credit Card Authorization Form

You may also phone in your credit card information

We also accept checks / money order / PayPal

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

CARD TYPE: VISA MASTERCARD AMEX

EXPIRATION DATE: ____/____ CVS: _____

AMOUNT AUTHORIZED: \$ _____

Signature of Person Named on Card Date

Please mail or call this information to before shipping the ashes.

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