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CAPTAIN'S LICENSE

OVER 40 U.S.C.G. APPROVED COURSES
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- ⚓ Over 28 years experience in dealing with Coast Guard Licensing, Regulations, and Maritime Education
- ⚓ USCG Certified Licensed Instructors with extensive knowledge and experience in commercial vessel operations and instruction.
- ⚓ Nationally renowned school with offices across the U.S. and in the Caribbean.



OUPV (6-Pack) ~ Master to 1600GT

Tow ~ Sail ~ Renewal ~ Launch Operator ~ CPR & First Aid

FCC Licenses & Permits

we also offer a Mariner's Drug Testing Program
and Application Consultation and Submission

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OUPV (6-Pack)

This license is properly termed “Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessel” (OUPV) and commonly referred to as the “6-Pack.” The word “uninspected” means that the equipment required and the design of the boat are less regulated. “6-Pack” refers to the 6 passenger limitation placed on the license when operating as a hired captain on an uninspected vessel.

OUPV licenses are issued with a particular route. Your license can be for INLAND routes (meaning bays, sounds, rivers, lakes, etc.), NEAR COASTAL routes (out to 100 miles offshore) and the GREAT LAKES route.

This course covers the practical aspects of boating which include the following:

- ♦ Rules of the Road
- ♦ Radio Operations
- ♦ Survival Techniques
- ♦ Distress Signaling
- ♦ Boating Terminology
- ♦ Boat Equipment
- ♦ Use of Flares
- ♦ Use of Life Jackets
- ♦ Plus video presentations and classroom exercises.
- ♦ Techniques of Seamanship
- ♦ Anchoring
- ♦ Aides to Navigation
- ♦ Boat Registration and Documentation
- ♦ Navigation
- ♦ Marlinspike (Knot Tying)
- ♦ Fire Fighting ...and more!

After completion of the course, students take the USCG approved exam with SeaSchool. The test is straight forward and based on the class material. Upon successful completion of the test, SeaSchool will issue a Certificate of Completion. Students then submit this certificate to the USCG along with the other application requirements for evaluation and licensing.

The “6-Pack” license can be upgraded to a Masters license. A simple 24 hour course can put you at the helm of an inspected vessel with more than six passengers on board.

UPGRADE to MASTER

A MASTER license is required if you operate INSPECTED vessels. INSPECTED vessels are those that carry more than 6 passengers. Additionally, to become INSPECTED the vessel must be built in accordance with rigid USCG Commercial Vessel Inspection standards.

This license is also issued with a particular route (INLAND, NEAR COASTAL and GREAT LAKES) with varying tonnage allowances based on your experience.

This course covers practical aspects of operating inspected vessels which include the following:

- ♦ Inspection
 - ♦ Construction
 - ♦ Fire Safety
 - ♦ Emergency Procedures
 - ♦ Stability
 - ♦ Life Saving
 - ♦ Tankerman Regulations
 - ♦ Environmental Concerns
- and more!

The course also includes video presentations and classroom exercises.

After completion of this course, students take the USCG approved exam with SeaSchool. The test is straight forward and based on the class material. Upon successful completion of the test SeaSchool will issue a Certificate of Completion.

* Students applying for an original license will have to present a certificate of completion for both the OUPV and the UPGRADE to the USCG along with the other application requirements for evaluation and licensing.

* Students upgrading from an existing OUPV (6Pack) license will need to submit along with their application and sea time an updated physical exam (if the one on file is more 36 months old) and an updated drug test (if the one on file is more 6 months old) for evaluation and license upgrade.



LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

OUPV (6-Pack)

All OUPV licenses are for vessels up to 100 GT

INLAND

For uninspected vessels on inland waters carrying 6 or fewer passengers.

Requirements:

- * Minimum age 18.
- * 360 days experience on a vessel with at least 90 days in the last 3 years.
- * Social Security Card is necessary

NEAR COASTAL

For uninspected vessels up to 100 miles offshore carrying 6 or fewer passengers.

Requirements:

- * Minimum age 18.
- * 360 days experience on a vessel with at least 90 days in the last 3 years. A minimum of 90 of those days served in offshore waters.
- * Social Security Card is necessary

MASTER

for 25, 50 or 100 Gross Tons

INLAND

For inspected and uninspected vessels on inland waters.

Requirements:

- * Minimum age 19.
- * 360 days experience on a vessel with at least 90 days in the last 3 years.
- * Proof of U.S. Citizenship

with OUPV Endorsement:

Lets you operate a 6-pack vessel up to 100 miles offshore. It requires 90 days of your time to be in offshore waters.

with MATE Endorsement:

Lets you operate a 6-pack vessel up to 200 miles offshore. It requires 180 days of your time to be in offshore waters.

NEAR COASTAL

For inspected and uninspected vessels both inland and offshore out to 200 miles.

Requirements:

- * Minimum age 19.
- * 720 days experience on a vessel with at least 90 days in the last 3 years. A minimum of 360 of those days served in offshore waters.
- * Proof of U.S. Citizenship

LICENSE RENEWAL

A COAST GUARD LICENSE MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS

A USCG license can be renewed 12 months prior to its expiration date. The Coast Guard does allow a one year grace period after the date of expiration, however, during that time the license may not be used.

There are 3 ways in which a Coast Guard license can be renewed:

- ◆ Show 360 day of operation since your last issuance.
- ◆ Take a very difficult Coast Guard exam.
- ◆ Attend a 1 Day Renewal/Refresher Course that meets the requirements

Each require you to submit a physical (current 1 year) and a drug test (current 6 mths or a Notice of Compliance from your Mariner's drug testing consortium.)

SeaSchool is approved by the Coast Guard (under CFR 10.209) to teach a one day Renewal/Refresher course for Deck Licenses. A short quiz at the end of class will conclude the course. SeaSchool will then issue a certificate of completion. Students will submit to the Coast Guard their certificate of completion along with an application for renewal complete with a Physical, Drug Test and a copy of the existing license.

TOWING ENDORSEMENT

Any USCG "6-Pack" or Master licensed captain who wishes to assist other vessels for a fee must have a Commercial Assistance Towing Endorsement added to their license.

This USCG approved course will cover all required information in regards to towing vessels on the water. At the completion of the course SeaSchool will issue a certificate of completion which you will submit to the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard will then add the endorsement to your license.

SAIL ENDORSEMENT

Any Master licensed captain who wishes to operate an inspected sail vessel must have a Sail Endorsement added to their license.

This USCG approved course will cover all required information in regards to inspected sail vessel operations. At the completion of the course SeaSchool will issue a certificate of completion which you will submit to the Coast Guard. You will also need to show 50% of your required time on sail or auxiliary sail vessels. The Coast Guard will then add the endorsement to your license.

LAUNCH OPERATORS

The term "launch operator" refers to the specific job performed by the captain of the vessel. Launch operators carry passengers a very short distance from the vessel to land and vice versa. The Coast Guard issues licenses with this limitation for either uninspected or inspected vessels otherwise know as LIMITED OUPV LICENSE and LIMITED MASTER INLAND LICENSE.

LIMITED OUPV LICENSE holders have to be at least 17 years of age and can only carry 6 passengers on an uninspected vessel. At the time of application you must show a minimum of 90 days of boating experience.

LIMITED MASTER INLAND LICENSE holders must be 18 years of age and can operate inspected vessels with more than 6 passengers and also operate a "6-Pack." At time of application you must show a minimum of 120 days of boating experience.

SeaSchool offers a USCG approved course that covers all the information necessary for students who wish to apply for either license. At the end of the course SeaSchool will issue a certificate of completion which you will submit to the Coast Guard along with your application for evaluation and licensing. Included with the application must be a letter from your employer promising employment.

CPR & FIRST AID

All Original License applicants must have completed an approved CPR & First Aid course in order to be granted a USCG Merchant Marine License.

SeaSchool conducts a USCG approved course which covers all the required information. The course also includes video presentations and classroom exercises which help in establishing the required knowledge of combining cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid techniques.

**This is a combined one day course*



FCC RADIO LICENSE

MARINE RADIO OPERATOR PERMIT (MROP)

An **MROP** is required on all vessels that:

- ◆ Are uninspected and over 65 feet with at least one passenger
- ◆ Are inspected with passengers
- ◆ Are subject to the Bridge-to-Bridge Act.

SeaSchool offers this exam daily by appointment at designated locations. Study guides are available through our bookstore. SeaSchool also offers a 4 ½ instructed class with exam.

DRUG SCREENING PROGRAM

All USCG licensed captains must be enrolled in an approved Random Drug Testing Program. Any person applying for their original maritime license must submit with their application a current drug screening test performed by an approved lab.

SeaSchool is authorized to conduct Random Drug Screening and enrollment in the American Professional Captains Association (APCA) Random Drug Program.

Testing is done by appointment in our main offices. Arrangements can also be made to be drug tested during class.

ALL ORIGINAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS REQUIRE

Physical - current within 12 months
CPR & First Aid - current within 12 months
Approved Drug Test - current within 6 months
3 character references, Fingerprint card(s)
Birth Certificate and current photo I.D.

All applications for original license, renewals and endorsements incur evaluation and issuance fees. Check with the Coast Guard Regional Examination Center (REC) you will be processing your paperwork through to confirm updated fees. We also advise all applicants to confirm with their REC any updates on application procedures.

Our office staff is always available Monday to Friday for any questions you may have pertaining to licensing procedures and requirements or if you would like to register for one of our many courses.



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