



United States Maritime Academy

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Northwest • Great Lakes • California • East Coast

Coast Guard Approved License Training • Celestial Navigation • Deliveries

NOTICE TO MARINERS:

A United States Coast Guard Captain's License is required to operate any passenger or commercial vessel in U.S. waters. It is the pinnacle of maritime education and ranks you as a professional within the industry and amongst your peers. United States Maritime Academy has been training mariners to become Captains for over fifteen years. Thousands of USMA graduates operate vessels throughout the world and received their licenses through our approved training as an alternative to stressful Coast Guard Examinations

Captain Jeffrey Sanders, founder and director of USMA, was among the first independent instructors in the country certified to teach U.S. Coast Guard Approved License Classes. He has written numerous textbooks and USMA currently uses his Study-Guides and curriculum in their classrooms. USMA employs traditional learning techniques rather than the more common computerized cram approach. Our primary objective is to ensure each student learns and retains the course material for use throughout their maritime careers.

The Captain's Class is quite comprehensive and our instruction is designed accordingly. USMA takes a personal interest in each student to insure their experience is rewarding and successful. We guide and assist you through the maze of Coast Guard applications including pre-evaluation and documentation of your sea time. We direct you to drug testing and physicals and review your entire application packet before you submit it to the Coast Guard. This enables you to concentrate on your studies rather than the meticulous details of the paperwork involved.

Your quest in becoming a Captain represents a substantial commitment of time and finances. USMA offers excellent payment plans and information regarding funding options available on state and federal levels. USMA has recently become VA approved and is pleased to offer government sponsored training to veterans. Prospective students are also encouraged to investigate continuing education funding available through many work programs.

USMA is unique in that it combines the approved curriculum for: Six-pack (OUPV 100 Ton,) Master Licenses, Sailing and Commercial Assistance Towing Endorsements in one class. Our philosophy has always been to encourage students to pursue the highest level of licensing that they qualify for the first time around. Graduating students receive Training Certificates valid for both licensees. We also prepare the student for optional sailing and assisted towing endorsements. USMA holds evening classes to minimize the impact on your work schedule. In some areas, we offer weekend sessions for those with greater commuting distances. We also provide supplementary tutoring and makeup classes in the event of

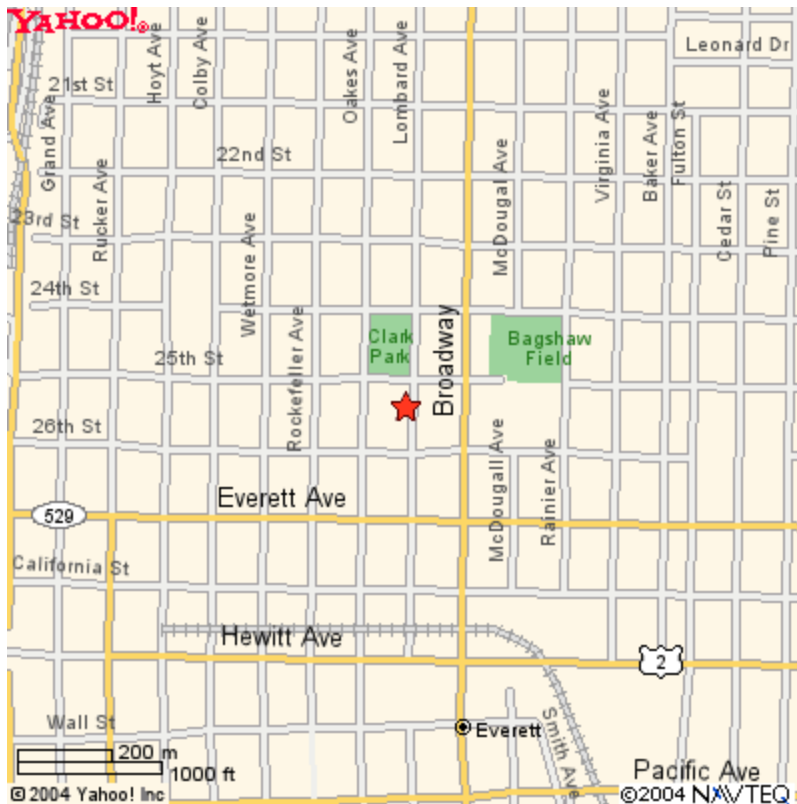
schedule conflicts.

Please read the following carefully, then contact USMA with any questions you may have. Bon Voyage and thank you for considering USMA.

USMA hosts an approved eighty-hour curriculum in a traditional weeknight format. Upon completion, students will receive training certificates for both the OUPV (six-pack) and Masters Coast Guard Captains License. In addition you may also sit for Sailing and Commercial Assistance Towing Endorsements for your Master's Certificate. Classes meet for twenty-one sessions. In addition, the class will meet two or three extra sessions for examination /makeup during the seven-week period. Times will be announced during the regular class period.

**November 1 - December 22, 2005, Tues, Wed, & Thurs 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM
(note: course will not meet Thanksgiving week)**

**Snohomish County Chapter, American Red Cross - Downstairs Conference Room
2530 Lombard Ave, Everett WA 98201**



Tuition: \$1300

*Tuition includes USMA textbooks, charts, application forms, and training certificates for OUPV and Masters License.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

USMA students train in a classroom setting for two licenses simultaneously: the "Six-Pack" (OUPV) License and the Masters License up to 100 tons. Graduates receive both licenses for one tuition price.

- "Six-Pack" Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels Inland/Near Coastal/Great Lakes

This license is required in order to carry six or fewer passengers for hire on uninspected passenger vessels up to 100 ton displacement on Inland or Near Coastal U.S. waters or on the U.S. Great Lakes.

- Master Inland/Near Coastal/Great Lakes

The Master's License authorizes carrying more than six passengers for hire on an inspected vessel up to 100 tons on Inland or Near Coastal U.S. waters or on the U.S. Great Lakes.

- Upon the successful completion of the course, graduates receive a Certificate of Training in lieu of taking Coast Guard Examinations. You have up to one year to submit this certificate for your license. During this period, additional sea service time may be accumulated.

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

- Coast Guard license evaluation fees (\$140), navigation instruments, physical examination, drug test, and First Aid and CPR certification (if needed).

REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum of 360 days of sea experience on Navigable waters applicable for evaluation (a day at sea is anything more than four hours in a twenty-four hour period)

- 90 days (of the 360 total) must be within the last 3 calendar years

- You may use time accumulated since your 16th birthday.

- Time on your own vessel is valid - must have registration numbers proof of ownership

- Time on other vessels must be documented by letter from the owner (see "While You Are Waiting" page 4)

- Time from any registered or documented vessel is valid: work/pleasure, large (up to 300 tons) or small power or sail vessels. Time on rowing vessels is not applicable.

- Time obtained in military service is 60% applicable

REGISTRATION:

- Fill out the enclosed Registration Form and return it to United States Maritime Academy with your deposit. Register early ! Enrollment is strictly limited.

- Everyone is invited to attend the first class without obligation. All aspects of the licensing process, including sea time documentation, will be discussed. A Q&A session will follow.

While You're Waiting

There are a few things you can do while waiting for class to begin. Getting these items accomplished will give you a head start in the Coast Guard application process.

1. Send in your USMA Registration Form to reserve your place in class!

2. Find your Social Security Card now! If you cannot find it, then apply for a duplicate. Be sure and ask for a receipt with your number

on it. You must have the actual card.

3. Find your Birth Certificate or Passport. Again, order certified copies if necessary.

4. Start organizing your sea time. This will be thoroughly discussed the first night, but begin outlining. This can be a complicated process, but here are the basics: A. You are trying to accumulate a minimum of 360 days of sea time.* This may be on your own vessel (easiest) or on a friend's, family's, or working vessels. One day is considered four or more hours. An afternoon cruise would suffice. (*720 days with 360 on Ocean waters will give you a Near Coastal rating) B. Your time must be in either Great Lakes, Oceans, or Navigable Rivers/Lakes. Time in small interior lakes or rivers may need further approval by the Coast Guard. C. You may use time obtained since your sixteenth birthday. Ninety days of your time, however, must be within the last three years. This is a Coast Guard recency clause and may be difficult for those of you operating in seasonal waters. Remember, the Certificate of Training you receive upon graduation is valid for one year. This allows for time to conform to the recency requirement by accumulating additional time before turning in your Coast Guard License Application. D. You must show proof of ownership for your own vessel if it is to be used for sea service time. This is usually in the form of a state registration or a bill of sale. If you are using time on a vessel you owned previously, then contact the state registration department and request a copy for verification of your old registration. E. If you are using vessels other than your own, the owner must write a letter with complete information concerning your time and the vessel. If it is not on their company letterhead they must notarize it. It is wise for you to complete the information in letter form so that they can either have it notarized or retype it on their letterhead. Begin this process early! F. Begin to outline your 360/720 days. Make a quick calendar noting the number of days for a particular month in a given year. For example: June/ 1992:4 days; 1993: 10 days and so on. Total the days. Do this for each vessel you are using until your time totals at least 360 days. Use recent time first and work backwards. Remember 90 days should be in the last three years. Also note the waters that the vessel was operated upon, the registration number or documentation number.

Details concerning types of licenses, endorsements (sail, towing) and tonnage ratings will be discussed thoroughly the first night of class. You may also contact Capt. Rodriguez directly at : 360-531-0698

Sample of Information for Sea Service Letters

Dear Sirs:

I have personally observed and submit the following information concerning applicant
(Your Name):

Applicant: Hardy Lee
Social Security Number: 111-222-333
Name of Vessel: "Ready About"
Power/Sail aux: Sail Aux
Official Number: 47077 (State Registration or Documentation No.)
Gross Tonnage: 5 (or displacement)
Length: 24 feet
Capacity Served: *Crew (only list Crew or
Owner/Operator)

Sea Service: Inland Waters: (i.e..Puget Sound)
1994: April - Sept. 31 days
1995: March-Oct. 41 days
Total: 72 days
Near Coastal Waters: (i.e..

West Coast Vancouver Is)

1992: June-Aug. 31 days
1993: July 12 days
1994: Oct 4 days

Total: 55 days

Name: (of person writing letter)

Address: (of person writing letter)

Daytime Phone: (of person writing letter)

Signature: (of person writing letter)

This letter must be notarized unless written on company letterhead !!!



Captain Richard J. Rodriguez

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Background:

- Experience has been gained from deliveries on the West Coast of North America from California to Alaska.

Inter personal communications is the key to a successful voyage. Having served in key corporate leadership roles, the ability to relate to broad cross section of clients is a forte.

- Faculty - United States Maritime Academy
- Consultant / Trainer - West Marine Seminars
- Captain - Vessel Assist, San Juan Islands, WA
- Affiliate Professor - University of Northern Colorado
- Prior Service - United States Coast Guard (Aux) .
- 24 year career with the Boy Scouts of America serving positions across the country. Last position was Scout Executive (CEO) of 12,500 youth member; 3,500 volunteer organization in Northwest Ohio. Eliminated 25 year debt, and grew organization.

Sea Service:

- Over 150 days per year on the water experience for the last five years.
- Experience on a variety of vessels up to 78 feet.

Education:

- Graduate, United States Maritime Academy
- Bachelor of Arts, Missouri Valley College
- Post Graduate Work, University of Northern Colorado

Other:

- FAA - Licensed Private Pilot
- FCC - Licensed Amateur Radio Operator

USCG Local Notice to Mariners
<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/d13/>

USCG Mariner Forms
<http://www.uscg.mil/stcw/>

WA State DOL
<http://www.dol.wa.gov/boats.htm>

USCG Vessel Documentation Center
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/vdoc/nvdc.htm>

Vessel Documentation Data retrieved using craft name
http://www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/commercial/landings/cg_vessel2.html

Vessel Documentation Data retrieved using craft registration no
http://www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/commercial/landings/cg_vessels.html

Social Security Office Locator
<http://s3abaca.ssa.gov/pro/foi/foi-home.html>

**USMA REGISTRATION
CAPTAIN'S CLASS**

PLEASE EMAIL OR PRINT AND RETURN

Name: (printed as it will appear on your license)

Last: _____ MI: _____ First: _____

Mailing Address:

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____

Citizenship: _____

Social Security #: _____

Do you have the following:

Yes ___ No ___ Social Security Card

Yes ___ No ___ Birth Certificate

Yes ___ No ___ First Aid/CPR (within the last 12 months)

Yes ___ No ___ Minimum of 360 days of sea time on registered vessels

Yes ___ No ___ 90 days of the total (360) days sea time within the last
3 years

How did you hear about the U.S. Maritime Academy:

___ Newspaper ___ Coast Guard

___ Flyer ___ Friend

___ Work ___ Other

Please register me in the USMA class specified above. I understand that the class size is limited and include a \$100 deposit to reserve my place in class and begin the Coast Guard application process. I understand that the registration fee will be applied toward tuition and is refundable if I am not approved.

Check enclosed

___ Yes

___ No

Please make checks payable to:

United States Maritime Academy
and mail to:

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