

Certification Level Overview

This table summarizes the four levels of certification:

Certification Level>	Inland Navigator (IN)	Coastal Navigator (CN)	Advanced Coastal Navigator (ACN)	Offshore Navigator (ON)
Boating Waters>	Rivers, canals, small lakes, and protected waters within 2 nm of shore	IN plus local coastal waters (within 5 nm of shore), including the ICW	CN plus extended area, but within 50 nm of shore	All (except for certain extreme conditions – see note below)
Boat Types > (Non commercial)	Member's Own Boat up to 8M (26.2 Ft.)	Any up to 12M (39.4 Ft.) (within endorsements)	Any up to 20M (65.6 Ft.) (within endorsements)	Any up to 20M (65.6 Ft.) (within endorsements)
Boating Conditions>	Fair weather, good visibility, daylight	Fair weather, good visibility, daylight	Any within limits below (except for certain extreme conditions – see note below)	Any (except for certain extreme conditions – see note below)
Maximum Winds>	Force 4 (16 Kt, 18 mph)	Force 5 (21 Kt, 24 mph)	Force 6 and sometimes above during brief storms (27Kt, 31mph)	Any (except for certain extreme conditions – see note below)
Maximum Waves>	1 meter (~ 3 Ft.)	1.8 meters (~ 6 Ft.)	3 meters (~ 10 Ft.)	Any (except for certain extreme conditions – see note below)
Applicable Endorsements>	IW, PAD, SA	CAN, IW, MEX, PAD, SA	CAN, EURO, IW, MEX, PAD, SA	CAN, CAR, EURO, IW, MEX, PAD, SA
UN 40 Compliant>	No	No	Yes	Yes
Availability>	2007	2007	2008	2008 or 2009

Notes for Table 1:

(1) *The extreme conditions mentioned above include operating in Arctic or Antarctic regions, in areas with large icebergs or ice fields, in areas with tidal bores, whirlpools, waterfalls, or currents approaching the cruising speed of the boat, or in Class III or above rapids.*

(2) *“Within endorsements”, means holder is only certified to operate types covered by the endorsements they have. For example, to operate a sailboat, they would need a Sail (SA) endorsement.*

(3) *Wind condition limits (and the resulting sea states) may be less for less seaworthy boats, or boats lacking certain equipment or a sufficient number of capable crewmembers. The operator is responsible for determining if the conditions are compatible with safe operation.*

(4) *The hazard posed by waves is not only a function of wave height but also is a function of wave steepness, which is influenced by current wind velocity, water depth, currents and the interaction of different wave trains. Again, it is the responsibility of the operator to judge his limits and the safe limits of his boat and crew.*

(5) *Note that not all endorsements are available in 2007.*