



Free Newsletter

Special 2011 Holiday Issue



## Happy Holidays

**A BIG Holiday Thank You to my many friends and supporters this holiday season. Because of your support I have much to be thankful for.**

I started my maritime career working with my father on his commercial fishing vessel in 1964. I continued commercial fishing until 1992. My father had one motto for success, "Fish harder, fish longer".

- When the economy was tough he said, "Fish harder".
- When the fishing was bad he said, "Make longer trips".
- When the fishing was good he said, "Better get them while you can."

To some this may seem harsh, but it is reality to any fisherman. I live to work and really enjoy what I do. But without your support it would not be possible for me to do what I enjoy most, help mariners meet their professional goals, and for that I am most thankful to each and every one of my supporters.

**Happy Holidays and a very special Merry Christmas to all! May you share my blessings in the new year.**

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## Fifth Year Anniversary!

The summer of 2006 I resigned from my tenured position at Clatsop Community College in Astoria and moved to Portland with the idea of starting a small maritime training school. To keep overhead down my wife and I looked for a house that would serve as both a home residence and a business location. After careful consideration we selected a house in NE Portland with an easy commute to the Portland International Airport (PDX) and was also close to Interstates 205 and 84.

By mid July we had relocated to our new home and I immediately began writing courses and submitting them to the National Maritime Center for approval. On November 1, 2006 the school officially opened its doors with two approved courses; Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessel (OUPV) and Celestial Navigation. Business started off slowly, but improved quickly and by November of 2007 we had issued our first 100 course completion certificates.

From this meager beginning the school has grown into a viable company serving the needs of mariners in the Pacific NW and Alaska with 15 approved courses offered at least once a month, and most courses are offered twice a month or more. The focus of the school is on providing courses that meet the exam and training needs for Merchant Mariner Credential deck endorsements for uninspected vessels and vessels of less than 200 gross tons. This includes endorsements for OUPV, Master or Mate 200 tons or less, Apprentice Mate (steersman) of Towing Vessels, Master or Mate of Fishing Industry Vessels, Able Seaman and Radar Observer.

On November 1, 2011 Columbia Pacific Maritime LLC celebrated its fifth year of serving the maritime industry by issuing its 1200th (1,200) course completion certificate. As a thank you to the maritime industry for your growing support we pledge to continue offering quality courses at an affordable price with convenient scheduling options. Even during these financially troubled times, when colleges are raising tuitions we have not increased our cost to students; in fact we have reduced the cost of several of our classes since 2006.

Happy Holidays and thank you for your continued support.

Dennis Degner; Columbia Pacific Maritime LLC





## MMC Officer Endorsement Courses

The National Maritime Center (NMC) approves courses to be taken in lieu of testing for Officer Endorsements as Master or Mate 200 tons and less OR for the operation of uninspected vessels. Uninspected vessels included uninspected passenger vessels, uninspected towing vessels and uninspected fishing industry vessels.

Uninspected passenger vessels include both the six-pack and the twelve pack.

- The six-pack is the most common uninspected passenger vessel and is defined as a vessel less than 100 gross registered tons (GRT) carrying six or fewer passengers for hire, not counting the captain and crew. The captain of a six-pack must hold an Officer Endorsement as Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessel or higher.
- The twelve-pack uninspected passenger vessel is defined as a vessel greater than 100 GRT carrying twelve or fewer passengers for hire, not counting the captain and crew. The most common Officer Endorsement held by the twelve-pack captain is Master 200 tons. This endorsement would allow the officer to operate twelve-packs of less than 200 GRT; to operate twelve-packs greater than 200 GRT the operator must have a Officer Endorsement of 500 tons or higher.

Uninspected Towing Vessels are defined as any towing vessel operating exclusively on Inland Waters and towing vessels of less than 200 tons operating on Ocean Waters. To serve as officer in charge of the watch on uninspected towing vessels greater than 26 feet in length the mariner must hold an Officer Endorsement as either Master or Mate of Towing Vessels. The Apprentice Mate (steersman) Endorsement allows the mariner to stand watch under the supervision of the Master or Mate and is considered a training position for Mate of Towing. Reference the Fall 2011 Newsletter for more information on Towing Officer Endorsements.

Uninspected Fishing Industry Vessels are defined as any vessel that is used exclusively for catching, processing or transporting seafood or seafood products. The officer in charge of the watch on Fishing Industry Vessels less than 200 GRT are not required to hold any Officer Endorsement; an Officer Endorsement as Master or Mate of Fishing Industry Vessels is required for vessels greater than 200 GRT. These endorsements are issued with tonnage limitations of from 500 to 5,000 tons.

Officer Endorsements for inspected vessels greater than 200 GRT require the applicant to complete their exams at a Regional Exam Center (REC).

Columbia Pacific Maritime is a full service school for Officer Endorsements for uninspected vessels and inspected vessels of 200 GRT and less. The following is a list of Officer Endorsements and the courses that support these endorsements (please note that most endorsements also require qualifying sea service experience).

### Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessel (OUPV)

- **OUPV Course** for the original issue of any OUPV Endorsement.
- **Rules of the Road Course** for the upgrade of an existing OUPV Inland endorsement to include near coastal ocean waters (within 100 miles offshore).
- **Upgrade OUPV to Master 100 ton Course** for the upgrade of an existing OUPV endorsement to Master or Mate 100 tons or less (includes 25 and 50 ton limitations).
- **Assistance Towing Endorsement Course** to add commercial assistance towing to an existing OUPV endorsement.

### Master or Mate 100 ton or less

- **Master 100 ton Course** for the original issue of an endorsement as Master or Mate 100 tons or less with either an Inland or Near Coastal route.
- **Upgrade OUPV to Master 100 ton Course** for the upgrade of an existing Master or Mate 100 ton or less Inland to include Near Coastal Ocean waters (within 200 miles offshore).
- **Apprentice Mate (steersman) Course** for the upgrade of an existing Master 100 ton or less to include Apprentice Mate (steersman) of Towing Vessels.
- **Upgrade Master 100 to Master 200 ton Course** for the increase the tonnage limitation of an existing Master or Mate 100 ton or less to Master or Mate 200 ton or less.
- **Celestial Navigation (200 tons)** for the upgrade of an existing Master 100 ton or less with a Near Coastal route to include All Oceans (Radar, AB and Fire-fighting courses also required).
- **Assistance Towing Endorsement Course** to add commercial assistance towing to an existing Master or Mate endorsement.
- **Auxiliary Sailing Endorsement Course** to add sail and auxiliary sail vessels to a Master or Mate endorsement.

### Master or Mate 200 ton or less

- **Master 100 ton Course + Upgrade Master 200 ton Course** for the original issue of an endorsement as Master or Mate 200 ton or less.
- **Master Inland to Near Coastal Course** for the up-



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grade of an existing Master or Mate 200 ton or less Inland to include Near Coastal Ocean waters (within 200 miles offshore).

- **Apprentice Mate (steersman) Course** for the upgrade of an existing Master 200 ton or less to include Apprentice Mate (steersman) of Towing Vessels.
- **Master/Mate Fishing Vessel Course** for the upgrade of an existing Master or Mate 150 ton or greater to include Master or Mate of Fishing Industry Vessels.
- **Celestial Navigation (200 tons)** for the upgrade of an existing Master 100 ton or less with a Near Coastal route to include All Oceans (Radar, AB and Fire-fighting courses also required).
- **Assistance Towing Endorsement Course** to add commercial assistance towing to an existing Master or Mate endorsement.
- **Auxiliary Sailing Endorsement Course** to add sail and auxiliary sail vessels to a Master or Mate endorsement.

### Apprentice Mate (steersman) of Towing Vessels

- **Master 100 ton Course + Upgrade Master 200 ton Course + Apprentice Mate (steersman) Course** for the original issue of an endorsement as Apprentice Mate (steersman).
- **Radar Observer Course** for the upgrade of an existing endorsement as Apprentice Mate (steersman) to Mate of Towing (TOAR also required).
- **Celestial Navigation (200 tons)** for the upgrade of an existing Apprentice Mate (steersman) endorsement with a Near Coastal route to include All Oceans (Radar, AB and Firefighting courses also required).

### Master or Mate of Fishing Industry Vessels

- **Master 100 ton Course + Upgrade Master 200 ton Course + Master/Mate of Fishing Course** for the original issue of an endorsement as Master or Mate of Fishing Industry Vessels (Radar, AB and Firefighting courses also required).
- **Celestial Navigation (200 tons)** for the upgrade of an existing Master or Mate of Fishing Vessel endorsement with a Near Coastal route to include All Oceans.

Columbia Pacific Maritime does not offer courses for Fire-fighting or Proficiency in Survival Craft.

- For these and other STCW courses I recommend Compass Courses ([www.compasscourses.com](http://www.compasscourses.com)) in Edmonds, Washington.
- For License Prep Courses to prepare for exams at the REC I recommend Fryar's Maritime Services ([www.maritimetesting.com](http://www.maritimetesting.com)) in Vancouver, Washington.



## Officer Endorsement Upgrades

Most, but not all, deck endorsement upgrades require exams. To upgrade an existing endorsement the applicant must meet the qualifying sea service requirements of the new endorsement using all previously documented sea service experience and any newly acquired experience. Remember that sea service experience is not used up or "burned" when applying for an endorsement. Sea service experience accumulates over your lifetime; it represents the sum of your experience on vessels. Here are some things to keep in mind when upgrading an existing Officer Endorsement.

- Officer Endorsements as Master greater than 100 ton and Master of Fishing Vessels require that some of the required qualifying experience to be as Master, Mate or equivalent position while holding an Officer Endorsement.
- Officer Endorsements as Mate greater than 200 ton require that some of the qualifying experience to be as Able Seaman or equivalent position while holding an endorsement as Able Seaman.
- Officer Endorsements as Master, Mate or Apprentice Mate (steersman) require that some of the qualifying experience be on towing vessels.
- Increase in tonnage limitations for Officer Endorsements less than 200 tons can be accomplished by meeting the tonnage formula requirements of 46 CFR 11.422.

The following officer endorsement upgrades are based on qualifying experience alone, no exams are required.

- **Master or Mate 100 ton or less** No exam are required to increase the tonnage limitation from 25 to 50 tons or 50 to 100 tons; and no exams are required to upgrade an endorsement from Mate to Master 100 ton or less with the same tonnage limitation.
- **Master or Mate 200 ton or less** No exams are required to increase the tonnage limitation from 150 to 200 tons; and no exams are required to upgrade an endorsement from Mate to Master 200 ton or less with the same tonnage limitation.
- **Uninspected Towing Vessels** No exams are required to upgrade from Mate to Master of Towing; and no exams are required to upgrade from Apprentice Mate (steersman) to Mate of Towing. The upgrade from Apprentice Mate (steersman) to Mate of Towing vessels requires completion of the Towing Officer Assessment Record (TOAR) and an approved Radar Observer Course.
- **Master or Mate of Fishing Vessels** No exams are required to increase the tonnage limitation from 500 to 1600 ton or from 1600 ton to a limitation higher than 1600 ton.





## Holiday (2011) Course Schedule

Course descriptions and the entire 2011 schedule is published online at [www.ColumbiaPacificMaritime.com](http://www.ColumbiaPacificMaritime.com). For more information or to schedule a course call (503) 841-6066 and ask for Pat. If you are unable to reach her at this number please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Columbia Pacific Maritime will be closed on the following dates.

- Thanksgiving, November 24-27
- Christmas, December 22, 2011 - January 1, 2012

### Lecture Courses

Lecture courses are taught on a structured from 8AM to 5PM over consecutive days that may include a weekend. All lecture courses are limited to a maximum of six students and I will never cancel a class due to low enrollment.

#### Courses for the Original Issue of an endorsement

*OUPV (\$900)*

- Nov 14-21
- Nov 28-Dec 5
- Dec 12-19
- Jan 2-9
- Jan 16-23

*Master 100 ton (\$1,100)*

- Nov 14-22
- Nov 28-Dec 7
- Dec 12-21
- Jan 2-11
- Jan 16-25

*Able Seaman (\$600)*

- Dec 8-11
- Jan 12-15
- Call for other options.

#### Courses for the Upgrade of an existing endorsement

*OUPV to Master or Master 100 tons Inland to Near Coastal (\$400)*

- Nov 21-23
- Dec 5-7
- Dec 19-21
- Jan 9-11
- Jan 23-25

*OUPV Inland to NC (\$400)*

- Nov 18-20
- Dec 2-4
- Dec 16-18
- Jan 6-8
- Jan 20-22

*Master Inland to NC (\$700)*

- Nov 18-23
- Dec 2-7
- Dec 16-21
- Jan 6-11
- Jan 20-25

*Master 100 to 200 tons (\$600)*

- Nov 10-13
- Jan 26-29
- Call for other options.

### Non-Lecture Courses

Non-lecture courses use workbooks containing self-paced lessons that build skills and reinforce principles. These courses are scheduled weekdays one student at a time by appointment.

#### Radar Observer Courses

- Radar Observer Unlimited (\$800)
- Radar Renewal (\$250)

#### Courses for the Upgrade of an existing endorsement

- Apprentice Mate (steersman) (\$300)
- Master / Mate Fishing Industry Vessel (\$200)
- Master 200 tons or less Near Coastal to Oceans (\$1,200)

#### Courses for Adding an Endorsement

- Assistance Towing Endorsement (\$100)
- Auxiliary Sail Endorsement (\$100)

#### Other Courses

- Flashing Light (\$200)

### Winter Schedule

My schedule is very busy January through May and it is highly recommended that you register for classes thirty to sixty days in advance. I take a MAXIMUM of six students per class and I do not over-book classes. To reserve a spot I require a non-refundable deposit of \$100. This deposit is deducted from the total cost of the course, which is due the first day of class.

### My "Success Guarantee"

No one can guarantee that any student will pass any given class and my classes are no exception. But by limiting enrollment to six or fewer students I am able to maintain a very high success rate and my "Success Guarantee" to you is that if you do not pass the class I will give you a second class for free.

