



DECK LICENSE RENEWAL

• LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

To renew your OUPV/Master Deck License you must be able to show 360 days (one year) of service during the past five years. The service must be verified by completing the USCG Sea Service form or by providing a letter from a vessel owner/company verifying your sea service. Many license holders find themselves nearing renewal but for various reasons cannot meet the Coast Guards one year service requirement.

The Coast Guard does allow the licensee to take and pass a comprehensive open-book exam in lieu of showing the qualifying service. The open-book exam is mailed out by the Coast Guard to the individual and then upon completion they mail it back to the Coast Guard for their review. The Coast Guard cost for taking this open book exam is \$45.00. The problem many have with the open-book exam is that they do not possess or have access to the myriad of publications and reference materials necessary to pass the exam.

An alternative to meeting the one year service requirement is to take the Mariners Learning System™ License Renewal Course.

License Renewal requirements include:

- Take the Mariners Learning System™ Renewal/Refresher Course, show 360 days of sea service since your last license issuance, or pass a very difficult Coast Guard exam.
- Complete the USCG License Renewal Application
- Pass a physical exam and a drug test. (If you currently enrolled in a DOT approved random drug testing program you will not be required to take a new drug test for license renewal)
- You DO NOT need First Aid & CPR cards to renew your license.
- Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC)

Upon completion of the course, there is a proctored exam after which a Certificate of Completion will be issued. This certificate is mailed to the Coast Guard along with your application. The Coast Guard will accept this certificate in lieu off meeting the time requirement.



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• OVERVIEW

1.0 Scope

Mariners Learning System™ Deck License Renewal training course is an instructional resource that combines broadcast quality audio visual media, workbooks and computer based training. Any student that completes the course receives a certificate the Coast Guard will accept in lieu of meeting their 360 day time on the water requirement. Mariners Learning System™ is approved by the Coast Guard (under CFR 10.209) to teach an online Renewal/Refresher Course for Deck Licenses. The course thoroughly covers the subjects addressed by Coast Guard exams for the following licenses:

- OUPV Inland/Near Coastal (Six pack/Charter boat Captain License)
- Master 25/50/100 Ton License

2.0 Objective

The goal is to enhance safety and productivity in the maritime working environment by instilling the knowledge and skills reflected in the Coast Guard exam topic table. Students who successfully complete the course will be awarded a certificate that will be accepted in lieu of the standard Coast Guard examination!

3.0 Entry Standards

Students must be able to speak English.

4.0 Instructors

The program has been built so that a student can directly contact one of our USCG approved staff instructors via e-mail. In addition complete telephone support is available through a toll free support system that is manned by our Coast Guard approved staff instructors.

5.0 Testing

Once the student completes the course quizzes and online Module Exam they make an appointment to take their final proctored exam with Mariners Learning System™. No testing at the Coast Guard Regional Exam Centers. The grading standards are:

Exam Modules	Number of Questions	Minimum Score Required	Number of Questions a student can get wrong and still pass
Rules of the Road	20	90%	2 wrong
Navigation General	10	70%	3 wrong

The student must pass all modules to receive a certification of completion. If a student fails one or more modules, he or she may retest twice more without delay on the failed modules. Those who do not pass an exam module after three attempts must wait a period of three months to retest. The student will be required to complete the entire course prior to being allowed another three attempts at each module. In this case the student must retest and pass all four Exam Modules.



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• MATERIALS

1.0 Course Materials

Mariners Learning System™ includes one complete set of the following training materials to each student:

Mariners Learning System™ – Access to our Internet based narrated lecture and interactive learning system. This program is based on the Mariners Learning System™ Coast Guard approved OUPV class room course. More than 15,000 students have earned their Captains License by participating in this program.

Mariners Learning System™ – Textbook: Rules of the Road.

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• LESSON PLAN

Module I - Navigation Rules of the Road

- Part A – General
- Section I – Conduct of Vessels in Any Condition of Visibility
- Section II – Conduct of Vessels in Any Condition of Visibility
- Section III – Conduct of Vessels in Restricted Visibility
- Part C – Lights and Shapes
- Part D – Sound and Light Signals
- Differences between International and U.S. Inland Rules of the Road

Module II - Deck Safety

- Fire Fighting
- Marine Engine Operations
- Marine Radiotelephone
- Lifesaving Equipment
- Pollution Prevention

Module III - Deck General

- Basic Seamanship
- Characteristics of Weather systems
- Ship Handling
- Emergency Procedures
- Maritime Law