



## **OUPV -SIX PACK/ CAPTAIN'S LICENSE**

### **• LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

The USCG Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV/Captain's) License allows the holder to carry up to six paying passengers on uninspected vessels up to 100 gross tons (about 75-90 feet long). These are usually smaller vessels that normally engage in charter fishing, SCUBA diving, or tour cruises. As such, these vessels are limited to six paying passengers plus crew-hence the term "Six-Pack." The OUPV License is issued in three forms: **OUPV Inland License, OUPV Great Lakes & Inland and OUPV Near Coastal**

**OUPV Inland License:** The OUPV Inland license is restricted to operation shoreward of the boundary line, excluding the Great Lakes. This license is valid on uninspected vessels to 100 gross tons.

- This license requires at least 360 days of documented experience in the operation of vessels, with 90 of the 360 days occurring in the last three years. Experience gained prior to 15 years of age may not be counted.
- The OUPV Inland License can be upgraded to an OUPV Near Coastal License once 90 days experience seaward of the boundary line has been achieved.

**OUPV Great Lakes & Inland:** 360 total with at least 90 days service on the Great Lakes.

**OUPV Near Coastal:** This license is valid on vessels up to 100 gross tons and out to 100 nautical miles.

- The OUPV Near Coastal License also requires at least 360 days of documented experience in the operation of vessels, 90 of which must be gained seaward of the boundary line. Ninety of the 360 days must be in the last three years. Experience gained prior to the age of 15 will not be counted.

**Note:** Sea Service experience can be counted on your own vessel. A Sea Service Form and proof of ownership are required. Experience on other people's vessels can also be counted. In this instance, to verify experience claimed and vessel details, a completed Sea Service Form with the owner's signature must accompany the application.

### **Additional Requirements Include:**

- Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC)
- Age 18 or over
- Physical, drug test and eye exam
- CPR/First Aid training
- Completion of Mariners Learning System™ USCG-approved OUPV/Six-Pack online course

**No testing at the USCG Regional Exam Centers is necessary. All testing is done at our facilities.**

Upon successful completion of the Mariners Learning System™ online OUPV course, the student studies the materials and takes a proctored exam at one of our Coast Guard approved testing sites. Once the student passes our multiple choice exam, he or she will receive a Mariners Learning System™ certificate recognized by the United States Coast Guard. Simply submit, within one year, the original certificate along with your application package and applicable fees to the USCG Regional Exam Center. Upon their approval of your package, they will send you your original License.



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### • OVERVIEW

#### 1.0 Scope

Mariners Learning System™ OUPV training course is an instructional resource that combines broadcast quality audio visual media, workbooks and computer based training. Any student that completes the course will have demonstrated their complete and total knowledge of the information required in Subpart C of Part 10, Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations.

The course thoroughly covers the subjects addressed by Coast Guard exams for the following licenses:

- OUPV Inland/Near Coastal/Great Lakes (Six pack/Charter boat Captain 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	30	90%	3 wrong
Plotting	10	70%	3 wrong
Navigation General	20	70%	6 wrong
Deck General	60	70%	18 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. Thousands of students have earned their Captains License by participating in this program.

#### **Mariners Learning System™ – Textbooks:**

Rules of the Road; Navigation General; Deck general.

Mariner Learning System™ – Coast Guard approved videos containing the following (8) training topics:

- Conducting Onboard Drills
- Emergency Radio Procedures
- Emergency Information Radio Beacons
- Marine Fire: First Response
- Immersion Suits
- Inflatable Flootation Devices
- Personal Flootation Devices
- Visual Distress Signals

#### **2.0 Plotting Tools**

Each student will receive a complete navigator's package which will include the following plotting tools:

- Long Island Sound Training Chart -12354TR
- Dividers
- Nautical parallel rule
- Calculator
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Tote bag

#### **3.0 Reference Aids**

For reference and use during the course the students will have access to the following on-line resources:

- Publication No. 102
- Publication No. 117 – Radio
- Reprints from the Light Lists and Coast Pilots COMDTPUB P16721.38
- Reprints from the Tide Tables – COMDTPUB P16721.46
- Chart No. 1
- Merchant Marine Deck Examination Illustration Book – COMDTPUB P16721.7C
- Title 46 Shipping – United States Code Annotated
- Title 33, CFR



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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

#### **Module IV - Piloting and General Navigation**

- Piloting
- Compasses
- Plotting
- Tides and Currents
- Approaches to Anchorages and Harbors
- Electronic Navigation Equipment