

Columbia Pacific Maritime

We are a family operated school of mariners helping mariners since 2006.



Our mission is to provide frequently scheduled classes for MMC National Deck Endorsements in a small classroom environment that promotes student success.

The school is located in SE Portland Oregon close to the International Airport (PDX).

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We offer USCG approved courses for most MMC National deck endorsements. This means no exams at the USCG after completing an approved course.

We also offer License Prep for Master and Mate 500 and 1600 GRT endorsements requiring examination at a Regional Exam Center (REC).

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Apprentice Mate (Steersman) of Towing Training Package

This training package contains all the classes necessary to qualify for Apprentice Mate (Steersman) of Towing Vessels.

1. Master 100 GRT.
2. Upgrade Master 100 to 200 GRT.
3. Apprentice Mate (steersman) of Towing Vessel Upgrade.
4. Radar Observer Unlimited.



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Towing Vessel Endorsements

Towing vessel endorsements are Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) officer endorsements that are unique to the towing industry.

The several paths established in the federal regulations for advancement to Mate (Pilot) of Towing, and from there to Master of Towing.

The best path for you personally depends on the qualifying experience you have, and what MMC endorsements you hold.

The Apprentice Mate (Steersman) of Towing Vessels is the direct path; but there are several paths that allow for lateral movement for mariners holding Master or Mate endorsements for inspected vessels.

Master of Towing

• Reference 46 CFR 11.464
Master of Towing Vessels requires 48 months of total sea service experience that includes:

- 18 months experience as mate on towing vessels while holding an MMC national endorsement as Mate of Towing.
- 90 days experience on the route requested.
- A completed TOAR (Towing Officer Assessment Record) for the route requested.

Adding a Superior Route

The holder of an endorsement as Master of Towing may have an endorsement as Mate of Towing for a superior route on which they have no experience added to their MMC by passing an examination for the superior route.

After gaining 90 days experience on that route, and completing a TOAR for that route, the Coast Guard will add Master of Towing for the superior route to their MMC.

Master of Towing, limited

A mariner holding Mate of Towing may have Master of Towing, limited to a local area within the scope of their current route added to their MMC.

Lateral Advancement for Master greater than 200 GRT

A mariner holding an endorsement as Master greater than 200 GRT (meaning 500, 1600, or unlimited) may operate a towing vessel within the limitations of their endorsement if they have 30 days of training and observation on towing vessels operating on the requested route, and a completed TOAR for that route.

Mate of Towing

• Reference 46 CFR 11.465
Mate of Towing Vessels requires a total of 30 months of total sea service experience that includes:

- 12 months experience on towing vessels as Apprentice Mate (steersman) of Towing.
- 90 days experience on the route requested.
- A completed TOAR for the route.

Lateral Advancement for Mate greater than 200 GRT

A mariner holding an endorsement as Mate greater than 200 GRT (meaning 500, 1600, or unlimited) may operate towing vessels within the limitations on their endorsement if they have 30 days of training and observation on towing vessels operating on the requested route, and a completed TOAR for that route.

Lateral Advancement for Master less than 200 GRT

A mariner holding an endorsement as Master not more than 200 GRT (meaning 25, 50, 100, or 200) may obtain an endorsement as Mate of Towing by:

- Documenting 36 months of experience as master operating vessels under the authority of the endorsement.
- AND completing the Apprentice Mate (steersman) exams.
- AND gaining 30 days of training and observation on the route requested.
- AND completing the TOAR for that route.

Apprentice Mate

• Reference 46 CFR 11.466
Apprentice Mate (steersman) of Towing Vessels requires a total of 540 days of sea service experience that includes:

- 360 days on towing vessels (the other 180 days may be on any size or type of vessel).
- 90 days experience on the route requested.

And completion of the apprentice mate (steersman) exams, or an approved Apprentice Mate (steersman) of Towing Vessel course.