

Handy definitions from 46 CFR

Subpart A—General

§10.107 Definitions in subchapter B.

Apprentice mate (steersman) of towing vessels means a credentialed mariner in training to perform bridge watchkeeping duties onboard a towing vessel, who must be under the direct supervision and in the continuous presence of a master or mate (pilot) of towing vessels.

Boundary line marks the dividing point between internal and offshore waters for the purposes of several U.S. statutes and, with exceptions, generally follows the trend of the seaward, high water shorelines. See 46 CFR part 7.

Endorsement is a statement of a mariner's qualifications and, for the purposes of this chapter, includes only those endorsements listed in §10.109 of this part.

(a) *National officer endorsements.*

(1) Master.

(5) Mate.

(9) Apprentice mate (Steersman).

Increase in scope means additional authority added to an existing credential, such as adding a new route or increasing the authorized horsepower or tonnage.

Inland waters means the navigable waters of the United States shoreward of the Boundary Lines as described in part 7 of this chapter, excluding the Great Lakes, and, for towing vessels, excluding the Western Rivers.

Oceans means the waters seaward of the Boundary Lines as described in 46 CFR part 7. For the purposes of establishing sea service credit, the waters of the Inside Passage between Puget Sound and Cape Spencer, Alaska, and the inland waters of another country are not considered oceans.

Near-coastal means ocean waters not more than 200 miles offshore from the U.S. and its possessions, except for MMCs endorsed as Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessel for which near-coastal is limited to waters not more than 100 miles offshore from the U.S. and its possessions. This would also include those near-coastal waters identified by another Administration when the U.S. has entered into a treaty or an agreement with that country respecting the recognition of the U.S. near-coastal endorsement.

Raise of grade means an increase in the level of authority and responsibility associated with an officer or rating endorsement, such as from mate to master or second assistant engineer to first assistant engineer.

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“near coastal voyage, Class 1” means a voyage

(a) that is not a sheltered waters voyage or a near coastal voyage, Class 2;

(b) that is between places in Canada, the United States (except Hawaii), Saint Pierre and Miquelon, the West Indies, Mexico, Central America or the northeast coast of South America; and

(c) during which the vessel engaged on the voyage is always

(i) north of latitude 6°N, and

(ii) within 200 nautical miles from shore or above the continental shelf.

“near coastal voyage, Class 2” means a voyage

(a) that is not a sheltered waters voyage; and

(b) during which the vessel engaged on the voyage is always

(i) within 25 nautical miles from shore in waters contiguous to Canada, the United States (except Hawaii) or Saint Pierre and Miquelon, and

(ii) within 100 nautical miles from a place of refuge.