

## REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL - MASTER OF TOWING ENDORSEMENT



*This informational flyer is intended to provide you with information on what is required to maintain or/ renew your Master of Towing Endorsement. Please note this information is not definitive and you should always consult with the United States Coast Guard.*

As per NVIC 04-01, Enclosure 1, page 14, section 3. (a). titled “What do I need to renew my license as master of towing vessels?”, the following is stated: *areas italicized are PMI interpretations / additions*. See [http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/NVIC/pdf/2001/4\\_01/encl1.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/NVIC/pdf/2001/4_01/encl1.pdf)

- (1) Meet the general requirements in 46 CFR 10.209 (a). ~ Sec. 10.209 ~ *Requirements for renewal of licenses, certificates of registry, and STCW certificates and endorsements.*
- (2) Meet the fitness requirement in 46 CFR 10.209 (b).
- (3) Meet the professional (*sea-time*) requirements in 46 CFR 10.209 (c)(1) and (2)
- (4) Prove that you have **either** –
  - a. Completed a Practical Demonstration (*on a Towing Vessel or utilizing Simulation*)
  - b. Participated in ongoing training and drills during the validity of your license. (*USCG is generally looking to see if the ongoing training and drills occurred on a towing vessel*)
- (5) Written evidence of satisfactory physical examination completed within 12 months of the date of application. See 46 CFR 10.209(d).;
- (6) Meet the chemical-testing requirements for dangerous drugs in 46 CFR 10.209 (h);
- (7) Comply with any criminal-records check required by 46 CFR 10.209 (i);
- (8) Consent to the NDR check required by 46 CFR 10.209 (j); and
- (9) For any license for oceans or near Coastal routes, satisfy 46 CFR 10.209 (k) respecting STCW.

**Numerous individuals have valuable towing endorsements that are up for renewal or have already expired. Unfortunately, since many of these individuals do not work on towing vessels, they are unable to participate in ongoing drills during the validity of their license.**

**In an effort to help individuals renew their Master of Towing Endorsement, the Pacific Maritime Institute has put together a comprehensive program which allows mariners to complete a practical demonstration (as per 4a above) on our state – of- the –art tugboat simulator.**

**Fore more information regarding this program as well as costs, please visit:**

**[http://www.mates.org/mot\\_renewal.html](http://www.mates.org/mot_renewal.html)**