



TRAINING RESOURCES MARITIME INSTITUTE

SEA TIME REQUIREMENTS

OUPV up to Master Near Coastal 100TN USCG Credentials

You must be able to document the required number of sea time days for the USCG, National Maritime Center, NMC credential you are seeking. Below are key points that apply:

- Be able to document at least 360 sea days
- 1 day of sea service equals 4 hours or more underway on a registered vessel
- 90 DAYS OF THE TOTAL REQUIRED SEATIME MUST HAVE BEEN WITHIN THE LAST 3 YEARS
- Sea time can be submitted back to the age of 16
- Sea time can be recreational, commercial or military
- Use the USCG/NMC form CG-719S "Small Vessel Sea Service Form" to document the time or it can be documented on a maritime company letterhead
- YOU MUST BE A U.S. CITIZEN
- If you are NOT a U.S. Citizen, but legal to work in the US, you can only apply for an OUPV with limited tonnage of 5 TN or less. You will not be able to upgrade until you are a US citizen.

360 Sea Time Days:

OUPV to Master Inland 25 - 100TN – Requires 360 sea days or more

Note: Depending on your specific sea time you can apply for a combination credential of either OUPV and Master Inland, or the Master Inland and Mate Near Coastal.

- **(OUPV) OPERATOR OF UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS:** Commonly called a 6-pack. (Restricted to 6 passengers or less) You must be at least 18 years old. At least **90 days of the 360 days needs to be in Ocean or Near Coastal waters** or credential will be limited to inland waters only. Limited to vessels of less than 100TN.
- **MATE, Near Coastal:** You must be 19 years old. At least **180 days of the 360 days must be on Ocean or Near Coastal waters.**
- **MASTER Inland 25 - 100 TN:** You must be 19 years old. License will be limited to inland waters.
 - **Auxiliary Sail Endorsement** requires 180 days of 360 days be on sailing vessels.

MASTER INLAND TONNAGE CALCULATIONS:

100 GRT – 90 days of service on vessels of 51 TN or above, **OR** 180 days of service on vessels of 34 TN or above

50 GRT – 90 days of service on vessels of 26 TN or above **OR** 180 days of service on vessels of 17 TN or above

25 GRT – 271 days of service on vessels 5 TN or less **OR** 90 days of service on vessels 1-25 TN **OR** 180 days of service on vessels 1-16 TN

720 Sea Time Days:

Master Near Coastal 25 – 100TN – Requires 720 sea days or more

Note: This credential is authorized to operate as an OUPV and Master Inland credential.

- **MASTER Near Coastal 25 - 100 TN:** You must be 19 years old. **360 days of the 720 must be on Ocean or Near Coastal waters.**
 - **Auxiliary Sail Endorsement** requires 360 days of 760 days be on sailing vessels.

MASTER NEAR COASTAL TONNAGE CALCULATIONS:

100 GRT – 180 days of service on vessels of 51 TN or above, **OR** 360 days of service on vessels of 34 TN or above

50 GRT – 180 days of service on vessels of 26 TN or above **OR** 360 days of service on vessels of 17 TN or above

25 GRT – 541 days on vessels of 5 TN or less **OR** 180 days on vessels 6-25 TN **OR** 360 days on vessels of 1-16 TN

The sea time requirements listed here are based off of the USCG/NMC requirements. The above information is subject to change. Visit the USCG/NMC website for current requirements. Sea time is evaluated at the NMC discretion. For additional information contact the USCG/NMC directly at: 888-427-5662 or www.dco.uscg.mil/nmc.