

MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Alaska Marine Highway System

Date: February 7, 2012
To: AMHS Crewmembers/Special Attn: Fairweather/Chenega/Lituya Crewmembers
From: Amy Wilson
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RE: Upcoming Basic Safety Training (BST) Classes for Refresher Training

Spring 2012 Basic Safety Training (Refresher) Schedule:

SESSION #1: Ketchikan - UAS Voch Tech Center **Dates:** March 23rd - 27th
(Only UAS-K has an approved BST Refresher course – 3days, dates to be determined)

SESSION #2: Juneau – UAS Bill Ray Center **Dates:** April 1st – 6th

SESSION #3: Seward - AVTEC **Dates:** April 22nd -27th

Discussion: Basic Safety Training (BST) and “Continuing Competency” Once a Mariner has taken Basic Safety Training, they do not have to take it again as long they maintain one year of “seagoing service” in the last five years. (See NMC Policy Letter No 12-01, Subject: Continuing Competency in BST.)

- ✦ **Who needs to complete a BST Refresher course?** Typically the only AMHS Crewmembers who need to complete a Basic Safety Training Refresher course are those working on the Lituya, Chenega, and Fairweather consecutively for the past five years. All other vessels’ seetime (still) counts towards STCW; i.e. currency in Basic Safety Training (BST).

Seetime that counts towards STCW “Seagoing Service”; ie. does my BST Expire?

- ✦ **In order to maintain currency in BST you must have at least 360 days “seagoing service” within the last five years.** The sea service on the FVF Chenega/Fairweather and M/V Lituya does not count as “seagoing service”. The sea service on all other AMHS vessels (including Aurora & LeConte) **does** count.

AMHS Mariners renewing their U.S. Coast Guard issued credentials must maintain evidence of one year “seagoing service” in the last five years to demonstrate that they are still current in BST. If your USCG credentials expire in 2012/2013 and you have not accrued one year “seagoing sea service” in the last five years (to keep you BST current) then you may need to complete a BST (Refresher) class. Note: AVTEC & UAS-Juneau do not have an approved BST Refresher course so you must complete the entire BST class.

How do I sign up for a BST class? *First, review your sea time for “seagoing service”.* (You may need to contact the Seetime Clerk and request a Seetime Letter ~ seetime@alaska.gov or (907) 228-6840). If you do not have the qualifying sea service, then contact Amy Wilson directly to attend one of the above listed classes.

- ✦ **Receipted travel, wages, and meal & lodging per diem are approved per contractual language with the following stipulation: You must have prior authorization in writing to attend (contact Amy Wilson).** You may need to submit a leave request form to your Dispatcher for the time off to attend; requests are approved on a case-by-case basis. The forms are additionally posted on the “go-to Training website “The AMHS Learning Portal” <http://amhslearningportal.alaska.gov/>

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