

MEMORANDUM

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Alaska Marine Highway System

TO: AMHS Crew Members

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SUBJECT: AMHS letter to USCG NMC
Evaluator re: STCW "Security
Awareness" Endorsement

RE: STCW Endorsement "Security Awareness"

Introduction: The 2010 amendments to the Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention and Code include new security-related training requirements. The requirements include security awareness training for personnel that result in STCW Endorsement(s).

AMHS shipboard positions requiring STCW Security Awareness (SA): Mariners working under their STCW Endorsement need to obtain an additional endorsement for security awareness. AMHS vessels are subject to STCW. All AMHS crew members need to obtain the appropriate STCW Security Endorsement(s) to their Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC). Security Awareness (SA) is the lowest level security endorsement. All crew members at a minimum must obtain SA.

STCW Endorsement Security Awareness (SA): This free endorsement will be issued to mariners who provide documentary evidence* of having met the requirements found in CFR 33 Subpart B 104.225 (see list below of requirements needed for eligibility). *Documentary evidence may be a letter signed by an AMHS company official on State letterhead.

AMHS Security Awareness letter eligibility: AMHS Mariners seeking the STCW Endorsement "Security Awareness" are eligible provided they have met the following:

- 1) Possess current Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC) and Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC)
- 2) Attended the AMHS New Hire Orientation "Security Awareness" presentation by the Company Security Officer or designated representative resulting in a Security 001 Certificate of Completion. *Completion of the computer based training (CBT) course "Maritime Security Awareness" may be substituted for new hires who did not attend the AMHS Security 001 New Hire Presentation.*

- 3) Completed STCW Basic (Safety) Training course
- 4) Completed STCW PAX RORO Crowd Management course
- 5) Completed AMHS RO-RO Vessel Specific Familiarization CBT/web course
 - a) Includes security chapter (lesson) titled “Monitoring”
 - b) Monitoring lesson objectives are to identify:
 - i. Equipment available for monitoring
 - ii. Watchman’s duties with regard to ship integrity
- 6) **And**, AMHS Mariners must have knowledge of, through training or equivalent job experience in the following, as appropriate as listed above in items 1-5. And in the below alpha numbered bullet points below I. (a) through (f) as applicable per CFR 33 Subpart B Statute 104.225.
 - I. Company and vessel personnel responsible for security duties must maintain a TWIC, and must have knowledge, through training or equivalent job experience, in the following as appropriate”:
 - a) Relevant provisions of the Vessel Security Plan;
 - b) The meaning and consequential requirements of the different Maritime Security (MARSEC) Levels including emergency procedures and contingency plans;
 - c) Recognition and detection of dangerous substances and devices;
 - d) Recognition of characteristics and behavioral patterns of persons who are likely to threaten security;
 - e) Techniques to circumvent security measures;
 - f) Relevant aspects of the TWIC program and how to carry them out

Application Process: Mariners are eligible for the free STCW Endorsement of Security Awareness provided they have completed the USCG approved STCW Basic (Safety) Training (BT) course and received a company letter from AMHS addressed to the USCG National Maritime Center (NMC). The letter states they are qualified for SA since they met the above listed requirements (1-6).

Submit the USCG Form 719 B application to your local USCG Regional Exam Center (REC). On the application, check the box for the Original STCW Certificate and in the Applying for box write in “Applying for Basic (Safety) Training (BT) and Security Awareness (SA) to original STCW”. Include your Basic (Safety) Training Certificate of Completion with your application.

Documentation to AMHS: Upon receiving the labels (stickers) from NMC that show the STCW Endorsements SA and BT, paste them into your Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC). Submit a copy to the Ketchikan Central Office (KCO) Training Department to update your Dispatch/Training records.