

**§ 15.805**

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**§ 15.805 Master.**

(a) There must be an individual holding an appropriate license as master in command of each of the following vessels:

(1) Every self-propelled, seagoing documented vessel of 200 gross tons and over.

(2) Every self-propelled inspected vessel.

(3) Every inspected passenger vessel.

(4) Every inspected small passenger vessel.

(5) Every towing vessel of at least 8 meters (at least 26 feet) or more in length must be under the command of a master of towing vessels, or a mariner licensed as master of inspected, self-propelled vessels greater than 200 gross register tons (GRT) holding either—

(i) A completed Towing Officer's Assessment Record (TOAR), bearing the signature of a Designated Examiner and stating that the Examiner found the candidate proficient; or

(ii) A license endorsed for towing vessels.

(6) Every uninspected passenger vessel of at least 100 gross tons.

(b) Every vessel documented under the laws of the United States, other than a vessel with only a recreational endorsement, must be under the command of a U.S. citizen.

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**§ 15.810 Mates.**

(a) The OCMI determines the minimum number of licensed mates required for the safe operation of inspected vessels.

(b) The minimum number of licensed mates required to be carried on every inspected, self-propelled, seagoing and Great Lakes vessel, and every inspected, seagoing, passenger vessel must not be less than the following, except when reductions are authorized under paragraph (e) of this section:

(1) Vessels of 1000 gross tons or more (except MODUs)—three licensed mates (except when on a voyage of less than 400 miles from port of departure to port

of final destination—two licensed mates).

(2) MODUs of 1000 gross tons or more:

(i) Three licensed mates when on a voyage of more than 72 hours.

(ii) Two licensed mates when on a voyage of more than 16 but not more than 72 hours.

(iii) One licensed mate when on a voyage of not more than 16 hours.

(3) Vessels of 100 or more gross tons but less than 1000 gross tons—two licensed mates (except vessels of at least 100 but less than 200 gross tons on voyages which do not exceed 24 hours in duration—one licensed mate).

(4) All offshore supply vessels of 100 gross tons or more—two licensed mates (except when on a voyage of less than 600 miles—one licensed mate). A voyage includes the accrued distance from port of departure to port of arrival and does not include stops at offshore points.

(5) All vessels of less than 100 gross tons—one licensed mate (except vessels on voyages not exceeding 12 hours in duration may, if the OCMI determines it to be safe, be operated without licensed mates).

(c) An individual in charge of the navigation or maneuvering of a self-propelled, uninspected, documented, seagoing vessel of 200 gross tons or over must hold an appropriate license authorizing service as mate.

(d) Each person in charge of the navigation or maneuvering of a towing vessel of at least 8 meters (at least 26 feet) in length must hold a license authorizing service as either—

(1) Mate (pilot) of towing vessels; or

(2) Mate of inspected self-propelled vessels greater than 200 GRT within any other restrictions on the officer's license, holding either—

(i) A completed Towing Officer's Assessment Record (TOAR) bearing the signature from a Designated Examiner and stating that the Examiner found the candidate proficient; or

(ii) A license endorsed for towing vessels.

(e) The OCMI may increase the minimum number of mates indicated in paragraph (b) of this section where he or she determines that the vessel's characteristics, route, or other operating conditions create special circumstances warranting an increase.