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section for an endorsement as first class pilot.

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§ 10.705 Route familiarization requirements.

(a) The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection having jurisdiction determines, within the range limitations specified in this section, the number of round trips required to qualify an applicant for a particular route, considering the following:

- (1) The geographic configuration of the waterway;
- (2) The type and size of vessels using the waterway;
- (3) The abundance or absence of aids to navigation;
- (4) The background lighting effects;
- (5) The known hazards involved, including waterway obstructions or constrictions such as bridges, narrow channels, or sharp turns; and,
- (6) Any other factors unique to the route that the OCMI deems appropriate.

(b) An applicant for an original license as first class pilot shall furnish evidence of having completed a minimum number of round trips, while serving as quartermaster, wheelsman, able seaman, apprentice pilot, or in an equivalent capacity, standing regular watches at the wheel or in the pilot house as part of routine duties, over the route sought. Evidence of having completed a minimum number of round trips while serving as an observer, properly certified by the master and/or pilot of the vessel, is also acceptable. The range of round trips for an initial license is a minimum of 12 round trips and a maximum of 20 round trips. An applicant may have additional routes added to the first class pilot license by meeting the requirements for obtaining an endorsement.

(c) An applicant for an endorsement as first class pilot for a particular route shall furnish evidence of having completed the number of round trips over the route, specified by the Officer In Charge, Marine Inspection, within the range limitations of this para-

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graph, for the particular grade of existing license held. The range of round trips for an endorsement is a minimum of 8 round trips and a maximum of 15 round trips.

(d) Unless determined impracticable by the OCMI, 25% of the round trips required by the OCMI under this section must be made during the hours of darkness.

(e) One of the round trips required by the OCMI under this section must be made over the route within the six months immediately preceding the date of application.

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§ 10.707 Examination requirements.

(a) An applicant for a license as first class pilot is required to pass the examination described in subpart I of this part.

(b) An applicant for an extension of route, or a licensed master or mate authorized to serve on vessels of over 1,600 gross tons seeking an endorsement as first class pilot, is required to pass those portions of the examination described in subpart I of this part that concern the specific route for which endorsement is sought.

§ 10.709 Annual physical examination requirements.

(a) This section applies only to an individual who pilots a vessel of 1,600 gross tons and over.

(b) Every person holding a license or endorsement as first class pilot shall have a thorough physical examination each year while holding the license or endorsement.

(c) Each annual physical examination must meet the requirements specified in §10.205(d) except that the record of examination need not be submitted to the Coast Guard except as provided for in paragraph (e) of this section.

(d) An individual's first class pilot license or endorsement becomes invalid on the first day of the month following the first anniversary of the individual's most recent physical examination satisfactorily completed; the individual may not operate under the authority of that license or endorsement until a

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physical examination has been satisfactorily completed.

(e) Upon request, a first class pilot shall provide the Coast Guard with a copy of his or her most recent physical examination.

§ 10.711 Tonnage requirements.

(a) In order to obtain a first class pilot license or endorsement authorizing service on vessels of *any gross tons* over a particular route, the applicant must have sufficient experience on vessels of over 1,600 gross tons.

(b) If an applicant does not have sufficient experience on vessels of over 1,600 gross tons, the license or endorsement will be for a limited tonnage until the applicant completes a number of additional round trips, as determined by the OCMI, within the range contained in § 10.705 (b) or (c), as appropriate, on vessels of over 1,600 gross tons.

(c) For purposes of this section, an applicant is considered to have sufficient experience if the applicant has 18 months experience as master, mate, quartermaster, wheelsman, able seaman, apprentice pilot, or in an equivalent capacity, standing regular watches at the wheel or in the pilothouse as part of routine duties, on vessels of 1,600 gross tons or over, and two-thirds of the minimum number of round trips required for the route have been on vessels of 1,600 gross tons or over.

(d) For purposes of this section, for experience with respect to tonnage on towing vessels, the combined gross tonnage of the towing vessel and the vessel(s) towed will be considered. However, the OCMI may require that all or a portion of the required number of round trips be obtained on self-propelled vessels of 1,600 gross tons or over, when the OCMI determines that due to the nature of the waters and the overall experience of the applicant, self-propelled vessel experience is necessary to obtain a first class pilot license or endorsement that is not restricted to tug and barge combinations.

§ 10.713 Requirements for maintaining current knowledge of waters to be navigated.

(a) If a first class pilot has not served over a particular route within the past

60 months, that person's license or endorsement is invalid for that route, and remains invalid until the individual has made one re-familiarization round trip over that route, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section. Whether this requirement is satisfied or not has no effect on the renewal of a license or endorsement. Round trips made within the 90 day period preceding renewal will be valid for the duration of the renewed license or endorsement.

(b) For certain long or extended routes, the OCMI may, at his discretion, allow the re-familiarization requirement to be satisfied by reviewing appropriate navigation charts, coast pilots tide and current tables, local Notice to Mariners, and any other materials which would provide the pilot with current knowledge of the route. Persons using this method of re-familiarization shall certify, when applying for renewal of their license or endorsement, the material they have reviewed and the dates on which this was accomplished. Review within the 90 day period preceding renewal is valid for the duration of the renewed license or endorsement.

Subpart H—Registration of Staff Officers

§ 10.801 Applicability.

This subpart provides for the registration of staff officers for employment on vessels documented or numbered under the laws of the United States. Staff officers must be registered if serving on most vessels in ocean service or on the Great Lakes.

§ 10.803 Grades of certificates issued.

Staff officers are registered in the following grades:

- (a) Chief purser.
- (b) Purser.
- (c) Senior assistant purser.
- (d) Junior assistant purser.
- (e) Medical doctor.
- (f) Professional nurse.

§ 10.805 General requirements.

(a) The applicant for a certificate of registry as staff officer is not required to take any examination; however, the applicant shall present to the Officer in