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Mariner Training and Assessment Data (MTAD) Program now available to all Mariner Training Providers (MTP)

The final testing of the Mariner Training and Assessment Data program (MTAD) is complete and the National Maritime Center (NMC) will make MTAD available to all MTP's beginning January 3, 2012. NMC envisions a Merchant Mariner Secure Electronic Application System that provides a single point of entry for the maritime industry in support of the merchant mariner credentialing process.

The MTAD program allows designated school representatives to enter student course completion information via the Coast Guard's "Homeport" website. Course completion information is then merged with the mariner's electronic record and is readily available to NMC Evaluators when mariners are applying for Coast Guard issued credentials. Paper copies of course completion certificates will continue to be accepted for evaluation purposes, however, we anticipate this paperless method will further streamline the credentialing process, ultimately increasing efficiency for mariners.

To register for a Homeport account, please submit an email request to NMCMTAD@USCG.MIL. Email account requests must contain a scanned letter on school letterhead designating school representatives who require accounts (those who will be conducting data entry). Include position, email address and phone number for these personnel. The letters must be signed by the school president, director, CEO or similar school official.

Registered users will receive an email containing a username and password with a link to the Homeport website. Included in the email is a link to a users guide related to MTAD functions. Please allow five business days for processing of account requests.

For additional information, please contact the NMC MTAD Administrators at NMCMTAD@USCG.MIL.

Sincerely,

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