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Coming Soon - Merchant Mariner Certificates Suitable for Framing

The Coast Guard is finalizing development of a Merchant Mariner Certificate, suitable for framing, which will soon be available for mariners who hold or have held a valid Merchant Mariner Credential to download from a Coast Guard web site, print and proudly display.

Since the release of the Merchant Mariner Credential final rule, which consolidated the previously issued licenses, Merchant Mariner Documents and STCW certificates into a single passport-style Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), mariners have been asking the Coast Guard to provide a certificate suitable for framing. The Coast Guard recognized this as an important issue to many mariners and decided to honor the mariner by providing a means for mariners to proudly display their professional credentials.

Later this summer, the Coast Guard will launch an Internet-based service where mariners will visit a Coast Guard web site, enter their mariner reference number, or other verifiable identification data, and request to download a "*Merchant Mariner Certificate*" that would include the officer and rating endorsements that are contained in the mariner's MMC. This service will not have the ability to reproduce legacy license, MMD or STCW credentials. The request, similar to that used to verify credentials in the Coast Guard's [Merchant Mariner Credential Verification \(MMCV\)](#) function, would populate a "certificate" that the mariner could save and print from a personal computer or other Internet-capable devices. The certificate, which would be used for display purposes only, would not be authorized as a substitute for a valid MMC and will not substitute for the MMC where the requirement to post a credential exists. There will be no fee for downloading the certificate. Additional information will be provided before the system is released.

The Coast Guard is interested in feedback on the (**click here for certificate example: [Merchant Mariner Certificate](#)**). Comments on the design of the certificate may be submitted via email at: nmc-mmc-certificates@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

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