



# The National Association of Charterboat Operators

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard  
46 CFR Part 10  
[USCG–2004–17455]  
RIN 1625–AA85

Validation of Merchant Mariners' Vital Information and Issuance of Coast Guard Merchant Mariner's Licenses and Certificates of Registry AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.**

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is amending the maritime personnel licensing rules to include new security requirements when mariners apply for original, renewal, and raise of grade licenses and certificates of registry. This interim rule corrects omissions and ambiguities in the Coast Guards preexisting maritime personnel licensing regulations. This interim rule will require all applicants for licenses and certificates of registry to have their identity checked and their fingerprints taken for a criminal record review by the Coast Guard. The new requirements are similar to those that apply to applicants for merchant mariner's documents.

**DATES: This interim rule is effective January 13, 2006** and is applicable for applications received by the Coast Guard on or after that date.

**Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before April 13, 2006. Comments sent to the Office of Management and Budget on collection of information must reach OMB on or before March 14, 2006.**

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG–2004–17455 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

(1) Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>

(2) Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

(3) Fax: 202–493–2251.

(4) Delivery: Room PL–401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is **202–366–9329**

(5) Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number or RIN for this rulemaking. All comments will be posted without change to <http://www.dms.dot.gov/> fed docket, including any personal information sent with each comment.

For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the “Public Participation in Rulemaking Process” heading of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or submitted comments, go to <http://www.dmt.dot.gov>  
You may also access the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>

For questions on submitting an application for the issuance of a license or certificate of registry, call the nearest Coast Guard Regional Examination Center (REC), or on the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/STCW/index.htm>