



ALPHA Class Passes OUPV Examinations



Left. Capt. Bill Kaupas, Allan Sanders, Matt Rumpsa, Ellis Billingslea, Harry Polly, Orland Woodard, Jack Gray and Capt. Dina Parker.

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GRAPEVINE — Congratulations to ALPHA Class for successfully navigating the required studies and examinations of the Operator Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV) program pursuant to the 46 CFR Subpart C §10.205. The Charges will soon be making application for their USCG Credentials and Homeland Security TWIC Cards. Class Instructors were Capt. Jack Dyess, Capt. Dina Parker, and Capt. Bill Kaupas. Designated Examiners were Capt. Bill Kaupas, MM, MRO and Capt. Dina Parker, MM. We wish them “fair winds and following sea” in the marine careers.

Tall Ships – Admiral in the Texas Navy

CORPUS CHRISTI — Four tall ships from South America, Mexico and the United States will converge at Naval Station Ingleside during Fourth of July weekend. A five-day festival to celebrate Latin and North American independence is being planned, said Capt. Jack Dyess, MM, Lead Instructor of DFW Maritime. Capt. Jack received his commission as “Admiral in the Texas Navy” by the Governor in 2007.



Capt. Jack was taped by the Texas Navy Association to assist in the planning of the festival, July 1-5, which will feature the U.S. Coast Guard ship Eagle, the Cuauhtémoc from Mexico, the Esmeralda from Chile and Capitan Miranda from Uruguay.

Notice to Mariners (LNM)

U.S. LORAN-C signals effective 2000Z 08 Feb 2010 were permanently discontinued. This termination does not affect U.S. participation in the Russian-American or Canadian LORAN-C.



Capt. Bill Kaupas, Ms. Angela Borroum, Deputy Director, REC, Sector Houston, USCG, Capt. Jack Dyess & Capt. Dina Parker during the out-briefing conference

USCG REC, Sector Houston Visits DFWMT

GRAPEVINE — A representative of the USCG Regional Examination Center (REC) Houston, carried-out an annual administrative visit of DFW Maritime Training (DFWMT) center. On February 18, Ms. Angela R. Borroum, Assistant Chief/ Course Oversight Auditor, conducted a facilities inspection and performed an administrative audit of records, course syllabus and Lesson Plans as approved pursuant to CG authorization letter, dated 09 March 09. Returning on Saturday, February 21 to meet with students, complete a survey and observe classroom training. The out-briefing with the Coast Guard indicated the school was operating in compliance to its authority. All Participates felt very positive of the visit. There was an opportunity to exchange information and learn more about the services of the REC Houston and National Maritime Center (NMC).

Deck Officer's Quizzical

1. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND. A bell is used to sound a fog signal for a _____.
 - a. power-driven vessel underway
 - b. sailing vessel at anchor
 - c. vessel engaged in fishing
 - d. vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver when carrying out her work at anchor.
2. INLAND ONLY. Passing signals shall be sounded on inland waters by _____.
 - a. all vessels upon sighting another vessel rounding a bend in the channel
 - b. towing vessel when meeting another towing vessel on a clear day with a 0.6 miles CPA (Closest Point of Approach).
 - c. a power-driven vessel when crossing less than half a mile ahead of another power-driven vessel
 - d. All of the above

Answer: 1.b Rule 35 and 2.c Rule 34(a)

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Next OUPV Class

OUPV Program

April 17 & 18 - Navigation Rules

April 24 & 25 - Navigational Plotting

May 1 & 2 - Navigation General

May 8 & 9 – Deck General and Examinations

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