



# Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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## Notice Published on STCW Endorsements as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch

Today the U.S. Coast Guard announced the publication of a notice in the Federal Register announcing and requesting public comment on an amended National Maritime Center (NMC) Policy Letter on qualification via “the hawsepipe” for Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) endorsements as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch (OICNW) on ships of 200 gross registered tonnage (GRT)/500 gross tonnage (GT) or more. The effective date of the new NMC Policy Letter is July 1, 2011. The letter cancels NMC Policy Letters 01-02 and 16-02, and provides guidance on how mariners may qualify for STCW endorsements as OICNW.

The Federal Register notice and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2011-0525.

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