



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard
Office of Vessel Activities,
Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division
2100 Second Street, SW, Stop 7581
Washington, DC 20593

MSIB Number: 030-11
Date: September 29, 2011
Contact: Mr. Luke Harden
Phone: (202) 372-1208
E-Mail: CG5434@uscg.mil

Notice for Comments on the Coast Guard's Consideration of Cancelling its Policy Concerning the Issuance of Merchant Mariner Credentials Endorsed as Able Seaman-Mobile Offshore Units

Today, the U.S. Coast Guard published a notice in the Federal Register seeking public comment on the considered cancellation of its policy concerning the issuance of merchant mariner credentials endorsed as Able Seaman-Mobile Offshore Units (AB-MOU). Through the notice, the Coast Guard is soliciting comments from the public on both the cancellation of the policy and any impacts such a cancellation may cause.

Under the proposed cancellation, mariners who have obtained the AB-MOU endorsement would be able to serve under the authority of the currently held credential until that credential expires. Upon their next renewal, the individual's AB-MOU endorsement would be converted to one of the endorsements authorized under Title 46 United States Code, Section 7306(b) and Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 12.05-1. If the mariner's training and experience does not qualify for an AB-Any Waters, then an AB-limited credential would be issued.

The Federal Register notice and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2011-0662.

For more information on this notice, please contact Mr. Luke Harden at (202) 372-1208 or CG5434@uscg.mil.

-uscg-