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Marine Safety Office (813) 228-2191
Tampa, Florida

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VESSEL INSPECTION NOTIFICATION LETTERS

In December 2001 the Coast Guard changed their vessel inspection computer system to the Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) System. MISLE does not have the ability to provide vessel inspection notification letters. Specifically, notices to inform you when your vessel's Inspection for Certification, re-inspection, hull exam (dry-dock) is due, or notices informing you when outstanding deficiencies are overdue. Since the new system does not generate those letters you must be aware of and manage the critical due dates and notify the cognizant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection to schedule the appropriate exam.

Certificate Of Inspection:

Inspection for Certification are conducted every 5-years. The issue date and expiration date can be found on the Certificates upper right hand corner. The expiration date **cannot** be exceeded!

Annual Inspection:

There is a six-month window to conduct the vessel's annual re-inspection (90-days either side of the Certificate's issuance date).

Hull Examination:

For example a small passenger vessel's hull exam due date is normally every two years and can be found on **page 2** of the Certificate of Inspection (COI), or on the vessels amendment certificate issued by the inspector during the vessel's hull examination. The hull exam is another date that **cannot** be exceeded.

Please make note of these dates and schedule the vessel's exams between 30 and 60 days prior to the examination due date.

Please be advised that Coast Guard missions in Port Security have increased since September 2001. Personnel resource availability to perform requested inspections may be limited when a short notice for inspection is requested. As operator of an inspected vessel every effort should be made to schedule and complete all inspections noted above as early as possible in the allotted inspection window identified in 46 Code of Federal Regulations for your vessel.

For vessels in the Tampa zone, please call the vessel inspection scheduler at (813) 228-2195 Ext. 8131 or Ext. 8142 to answer your questions, or to schedule an exam.

For vessels in the Fort Myers zone, please call the Marine Safety Detachment at (239) 985-0560.

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