46 CFR Subchapter M Timeline

June 20 2016
- Subchapter M Published.

July 20 2016
- Subchapter regulations effective, but most of Parts 140-144 delayed for 2-years or after vessel is issued a COI.
- All vessels must comply with watertight and weathertight requirements of 46 CFR 144.320.

July 20 2017
- Vessels built on or after this date are considered "new vessels" and a COI is required before entering service. 46 CFR 136.110

July 20 2018
- Parts 140-144 implemented, with exception of Health and Safety Plan, Pilothouse Alerter System, Towing Machinery requirements.
- Towing Vessel Bridging Program decals no longer valid.

July 22 2019
- 25% of a company's fleet must have a valid COI except for companies with only 1 existing towing vessel. 46 CFR 136.202
- Towing vessel owner or managing operator must implement a Health & Safety Plan. 46 CFR 140.500

July 20 2020
- 50% of a company's fleet must have a valid COI. 46 CFR 136.202
- Companies with only 1 existing towing vessel must obtain a COI.

July 19 2021
- 75% of a company's fleet must have a valid COI. 46 CFR 136.202

July 19 2022
- 100% of a company's fleet must have a valid COI. 46 CFR 136.202

Year 7 to Year 11
- 5 years after issuance of initial COI, existing vessels must comply with 46 CFR 143.450 (Pilothouse Alerter System) and 46 CFR 143.460 (Towing Machinery requirements).

July 20 2027
- Subchapter M Implementation is Complete.