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Goodbye 2016, Hello 2017!

Rounding out 2016 was a busy few months at CMTI. We had another very successful job fair that was attended by more than 75 mariners. All of the companies in attendance expressed their appreciation for the quality of the candidates seeking employment. We want to say a special thank you to the following companies who participated: Vane Brothers, Weeks Marine, NOAA, MSC, and VEC.

We are proud to have been able to collect and deliver canned goods for the local food bank during our most recent job fair just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. The team at CMTI was also able to sponsor 30 stockings for the Salvation Army's annual "Holiday Fill a Stocking Program," and was able to provide lots of goodies and toys for children in the local area.

The whole CMTI family took some time to reflect on the year's events and boarded the Spirit of Norfolk for a night of camaraderie, great food, and music. It was a neat experience to have some of our very own mariners piloting the vessel during our cruise. We had a lot of fun and look forward to celebrating future successes in the year to come.

Looking ahead, this year is set to be a very busy one. We have two job fairs scheduled for prospective mariners to find employment with companies that have collaborated with CMTI. Also, in 2017, CMTI will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. This event will be one to remember as we say "thank you" to those who have made CMTI the #1 choice of mariners seeking maritime training and licensure.





MMC Expiration & STCW Gap Closing Extensions Granted

Note regarding MMC expiration:

It's also been a very busy year for the National Maritime Center (NMC). STCW 2010, as amended had an enforcement date of January 1, 2017. With that date looming, many mariners rushed to meet deadlines for courses and license renewal. The NMC experienced a very high volume of applications and was unable to process all applications prior to expiration. Due to the high volume of applications **the USCG is granting an extension of national endorsements for any mariner whose MMC expires on or after December 1, 2016. This extension is effective immediately and will be valid until September 30, 2017.** Mariners, employers, and owner/operators are encouraged to print a copy of the letter explaining the extension. All mariners sailing exclusively under the authority of their national endorsement on inland or coastwise voyages are advised to carry a copy of the letter with their expired credentials and produce it upon the request of USCG personnel or other officials.

Expiration dates of new MMCs will be 5 years from the date of expiration of the previous MMC, in accordance with current policy. The extension of validity of expired credentials provides the opportunity for a mariner to work under the authority of that credential during this period, so there is no loss of MMC validity associated with this decision.

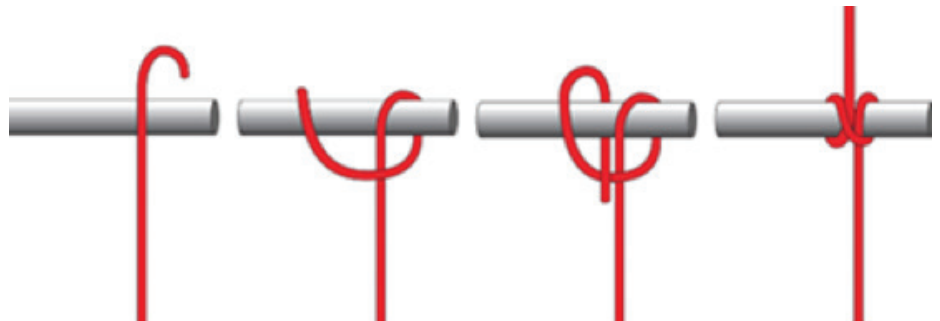
Note regarding STCW endorsements:

Due to the transitional provisions, difficulties were experienced in processing applications in order to meet gap closing requirements. The United States will take the IMO guidance into account, Port State Control Officers will still review the requirements of the 2010 amendments during Port State Control examinations in the United States. It should be noted that the decision to relax the use of control actions as an enforcement measure applies only to those new transitional provisions within the STCW requirements. Vessels may still be issued deficiencies, which may lead to detention, for other reasons including demonstrated crew incompetence such as failure to perform critical drills. U.S. Coast Guard Marine Inspectors will review the STCW endorsements issued to mariners employed on U.S. Flag vessels.

If a mariner's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) has a limitation (that was put in place as part of the transitional provisions) and the mariner cannot provide evidence that they have completed the required training and submitted an application to the National Maritime Center for the appropriate STCW endorsement, a deficiency will be issued to the vessel. However, no control action will be placed on the vessel and the mariner will be allowed to continue to be engaged on the vessel until July 1, 2017.

KNOT Your Average Day At The Office.

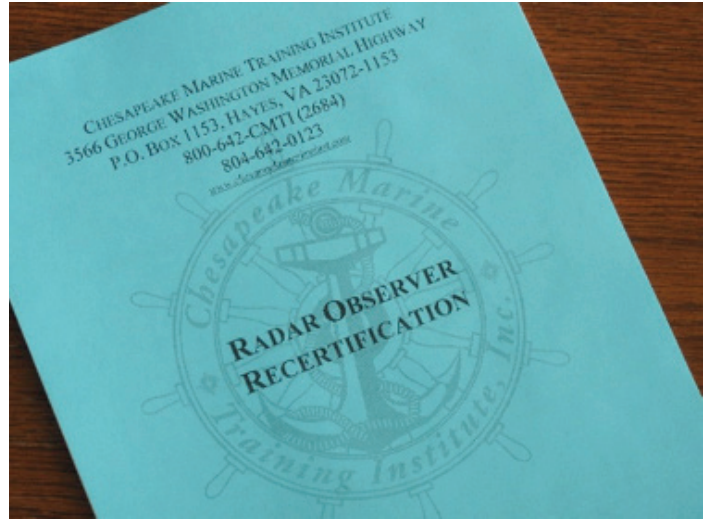
CLOVE HITCH A simple all-purpose hitch. Easy to tie and untie. A useful and easy to tie knot, the Clove Hitch is a good binding knot. However, as a hitch it should be used with caution because it can slip or come undone if the object it is tied to rotates or if constant pressure is not maintained on the line.



STREAMLINE YOUR RADAR RECERTIFICATION

Are you the type of mariner that likes to prepare at home and then challenge the Radar Observer Recertification exam? If so, we are prepared and ready to test your abilities to pass the examinations required for recertification. If you are able to demonstrate continued proficiency in the use of RADAR for effective and safe collision avoidance, you may challenge the course by taking the examinations only. CMTI has developed a Radar Observer Recertification Workbook in order to assist you in preparing at home.

Upon successful completion of the workbook, most mariners feel confident to challenge the exam upon arrival. After demonstrating your ability to pass the collision avoidance examinations, you will demonstrate the use of radar while navigating upon



Inland Waters/Rivers which requires the use of our Transas simulator. For those students who aren't quite comfortable and desire a review of the material, CMTI staff provide step by step review of course material prior to testing.



Congratulations to Bernie Nelson for winning the "Name Our Mascot" challenge. We would like to introduce "Salty Sam." Salty Sam will be providing salty knowledge and sound advice like only an old salt can do!

SALTY SAM SAYS...

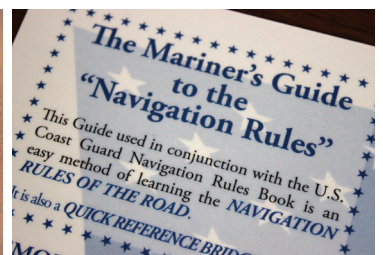
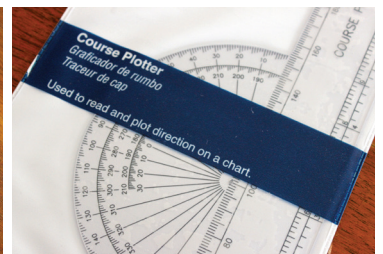
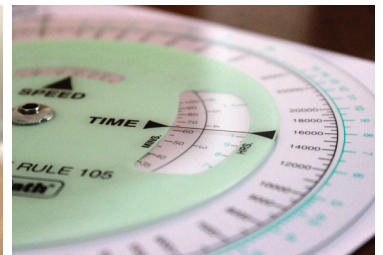
Red sky at night, sailors delight.

When we see a red sky at night, this means that the setting sun is sending its light through a high concentration of dust particles. This usually indicates high pressure and stable air coming in from the west. Basically good weather will follow.

Red sky in morning, sailor's warning.

A red sunrise can mean that a high pressure system (good weather) has already passed, thus indicating that a storm system (low pressure) may be moving to the east. A morning sky that is a deep, fiery red can indicate that there is high water content in the atmosphere. So, rain could be on its way.

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JOB FAIR & OPEN HOUSE

May 5, 2017 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Mariners of all license and credential levels are encouraged to attend. Professional maritime companies will be on site to meet and interview potential job candidates. Register for the free job fair on our website at www.chesapeakemarineinst.com or at 804-642-0123.

TIPS FROM EMPLOYERS:

- Research the company/owner and know their history
- Understand towing vessel operations and personnel responsibilities
- Have a High School Diploma or GED minimum
- Have a five year plan and how you will get there
- Have a TWIC card and MMC
- Be physically fit, most prefer non-smoker