

ABLE SEAMAN CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT GUIDELINES:

(The REC/NMC is the finally authority on your exact requirements.)

1. ___ **Able Seaman’s Course Certificate**, or
 - Take tests with USCG REC

2. ___ **Basic Safety Training Certificate (STCW)**
 - Generally Required by the Boston REC

3. ___ **Proficiency in Survival Craft (PSC) Certificate**
 - A. Lifeboat man certificate course (approx. 5 day course), or

 - B. PSC without lifeboats (approx. 3 day course), or

 - C. Signed off by a ships officer for rescue boat.
(See NMC Policy Ltr. No. 08-01 for full details)

4. ___ **Rating Forming Part of** ┌ **a Navigational Watch (RFPNW)**
 └ Near Coastal vessels of more than 500
 Required for Ocean and
gross tons.

 - A check off list of approximately 21 actions to be completed by the
 under the direction of a deck officer, mainly steering
seaman,
commands.

 (See NMC Policy Letter No. 14-02 for full details)

 - Must be done on a vessel over 200 gross tons.

 - Some of the requirements maybe done on a simulator.

Sea Service Requirements:

AB Special 360 days service on deck on oceans, Great Lakes or navigable waters of U.S.

Sail 180 days service on deck on sailing school vessels, oceanographic sail vessels or equivalent sail vessels, operating on oceans, Great Lakes or navigable waters of U.S.

Limited 540 days service on deck on vessels over 100 GRT not exclusive to rivers and smaller inland lakes of the U.S.

Unlimited 1080 days service on deck Oceans or Great lakes.