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April 15, 2022

Downeast Maritime, Inc.  
Attn: Ms. Lindsey Pinkham  
145 Main Street  
Thomaston, ME 04861

Dear Ms. Pinkham:

This is in response to your letter dated May 4, 2021, requesting approval of your proposed Oceans Navigation/Celestial Navigation (500/1600 GRT) (DOWNMI-107) course.

The course satisfies applicable requirements, and the following approval is granted subject to the conditions specified below and in Enclosure (1):

Any applicant who has successfully completed your Oceans Navigation/Celestial Navigation (500/1600 GRT) (DOWNMI-107) course will satisfy:

- The Oceans Navigation examination requirements of:
  - Navigation General: Oceans
  - Navigation Problems: Oceans

For increasing the scope of an endorsement from near coastal to oceans for the following National Deck Officer Endorsements if completed within one year of application:

- Second or Third Mate of self-propelled vessels of unlimited tonnage
- Master or Mate of self-propelled vessels of less than 1600 GRT
- Master or Mate of self-propelled vessels of less than 500 GRT
- Master or Mate of self-propelled vessels of less than 200 GRT
- Master or Mate of Uninspected Fishing Industry Vessels; AND
- The Celestial Navigation training requirements of 46 CFR 11.309(a)(4)(viii) for an STCW endorsement as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch on vessels of 500 or more gross tonnage (ITC); AND
- The Celestial Navigation standards of competence required by 46 CFR 11.309(a)(3) and 11.319(a)(3); STCW Code Section A-II/1 and Table A-II/1, as amended 2010, meeting the National Assessment Guidelines from NVICs 12-14(Ch-5) and 02-18(Ch-3) Tasks 1.1.A, 1.1.B, 1.1.C, 1.1.D, 1.1.E, and 1.1.F; AND
- The Celestial Navigation standards of competence required by 46 CFR 11.305(a)(2), 11.307(a)(2), 11.311(a)(2), 11.313(a)(2), and 11.315(a)(2); STCW Code Section A-II/2 and Table A-II/2, as amended 2010, meeting the National Assessment Guidelines from NVICs 10-14(Ch-4), 11-14(Ch-4), and 03-18(Ch-2) Tasks 1.2.A, 1.2.B, 1.2.C, 2.1.A,

2.1.B, 2.1.C, and 3.1.A.

Applicants who have successfully completed your course need not present completed “Task Control Sheets” for these assessments in application for STCW certification.

Instructors: The instructors approved to teach this course are listed in Enclosure (2). Requests to add additional instructors must be submitted to this office for evaluation and written approval, prior to their participation in teaching this course.

Locations: This course is approved for in person presentation using the site(s) listed in the Site Approval Enclosure. Testing for this course must be conducted at the site(s) listed in the Site Approval Enclosure or a third party testing facility in accordance with the approved curriculum.

Certificates: Your certificate of training *must* contain the following information:

- Name and code of the course as *Oceans Navigation/Celestial Navigation (500/1600 GRT) (DOWNMI-107)*
- Name of the educational institution
- Date of completion and location where the training was conducted
- Name of the student
- Signature of an authorized representative of the school

Your certificate of training may contain or you may issue, in addition to a completion certificate, an addendum that contains the approval paragraph as written in this letter. The verbiage appearing on the certificate or addendum must be verbatim as found in this approval.

Approval Dates: This approval is effective May 1, 2022, and expires on November 30, 2027. Subsequent five-year renewals may be granted upon a written request to this office made at least 90 days before this approval expires.

Failure to comply with the conditions of this approval may result in the suspension or withdrawal of this approval in accordance with 46 CFR 10.407(h).

Your opinion matters to us, and the NMC is committed to providing you with excellent customer service. Your feedback will be used to guide our efforts to improve the Mariner Credentialing Program. All information will be kept confidential.

Please visit <http://homeport.uscg.mil/mmcsurvey> to complete the survey.

If you have questions contact Course Approvals at [NMCCourses@uscg.mil](mailto:NMCCourses@uscg.mil) or (304) 433-3720.

Sincerely,

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B. W. CLARE  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

Enclosure: (1) Terms of Course Approval  
(2) Approved Instructors  
(3) Site Approval  
(4) Certificate of Course Approval

Terms Of Course Approval  
Downeast Maritime, Inc.

Oceans Navigation/Celestial Navigation (500/1600 GRT) (DOWNMI-107)

Providers of Coast Guard Approved training must follow the provisions of 46 CFR Subchapter B and additional Coast Guard Policy documented in the NVIC 03-14 (Ch-1) including:

1. All examinations the student takes to successfully pass the course must be different from any examination previously taken. Examinations must be equivalent in scope and difficulty to the examination that the Coast Guard would have administered. (46 CFR 10.403(a)(4))
2. Any demonstration of practical skills must be appropriate to the subject material presented and equal to the level of endorsement for which the course is approved. (46 CFR 10.403(a)(5))
3. For at least 5 years after the end of each student's enrollment, you must maintain a file of their record as prescribed. (46 CFR 10.403(a)(6))
4. Any changes to the course, including a change of simulators or training aids, or changes or additions of instructors must be submitted to the NMC for evaluation and written approval prior to implementation; submitted to NMCCourses@uscg.mil. (46 CFR 10.403(a)(7))
5. Conduct an internal audit midway through the course's approval period and maintain the results of the audit for a period of not less than 5 years. (46 CFR 10.403(a)(8))
6. Training may only be conducted at a site preapproved by the Coast Guard. Should you wish to provide training at a site other than those included on your site approval letter, a request must be submitted to the NMC via email at NMCSiteApprovals@uscg.mil , or call 304-433-3720 at least 21 days in advance.
7. You must allow, at any time, the National Maritime Center, or a designated representative, to:
  - a. Inspect your facilities, equipment and records, including scholastic and assessment records and administrative and instructional applications of your course delivery software, as applicable;
  - b. Interview and survey students to aid in course evaluation;
  - c. Assign personnel to observe or participate in the course of instruction, with or without prior notification; and,
  - d. Supervise or administer the required examinations or practical demonstrations.
  - e. For distance learning courses, access and review the course on-line at any time after the approval. The username and password must remain active indefinitely. (46 CFR 10.403(a)(9))
8. All Course renewal requests should be submitted to the National Maritime Center, via Homeport or NMCCourses@uscg.mil, at least 90 days before the current approval expires. (NVIC 03-14 (Ch-1), para 5.c.2)
9. All providers with approved training creditable towards STCW endorsements must implement the Quality Standard System requirements of 46 CFR 10.410 by January 1, 2017.
10. Live fire fighting training exercises may be subject to U.S. EPA regulations and other federal, state and local government requirements. Training providers are responsible for ensuring that these requirements are met prior to conducting training.
11. Providers are required to verify student's identity before training commences.

**ENCLOSURE (1)**

Approved Instructors  
Downeast Maritime, Inc.  
Oceans Navigation/Celestial Navigation (500/1600 GRT) (DOWNMI-107)

1. Shawn J. Ahearn III
2. Lindsey Grace Pinkham

## Site Approval

Course/Code: Oceans Navigation/Celestial Navigation (500/1600 GRT)/0107

Exact Location(s):

- 1235 Earley Farm Road, Amherst, VA - Classroom; Max Students: 6
- 145 Main Street, Thomaston, ME - Downstairs Classroom; Max Students: 6:1

Site approvals are course-specific. Requests for approval of a new or alternate training site should identify the specific course(s) to be given at the proposed location. Sites previously approved for similar courses may not require a complete submittal. For example, classrooms approved for a lecture-style course may be approved for similar courses upon request. Changes to the physical structure of an approved location invalidate this course approval. Training providers should submit an updated site approval request noting the changes.

Training providers that desire to hold a course at a site, which has not been previously approved for that specific course, shall submit a written email request to the NMC at [NMCSiteApprovals@uscg.mil](mailto:NMCSiteApprovals@uscg.mil).

All site approvals are subject to a U.S. Coast Guard audit and failure to comply with the conditions of this approval may result in the suspension or withdrawal of this approval in accordance with 46 CFR 10.402(g) and 46 CFR 10.403(a)(8).

**ENCLOSURE (3)**

# CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL



## Oceans Navigation/Celestial Navigation (500/1600 GRT) (DOWNMI-107)

*course offered by*

**Downeast Maritime, Inc.**

*is hereby recognized as an approved training course as outlined in Subpart D of Part 10, Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations. This approval is valid through the expiration date below, unless sooner surrendered or withdrawn as set forth in 46 CFR 10.402, or by the requirements within the course approval.*

**May 1, 2022**

**Effective**

**November 30, 2027**

**Expires**

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**B. W. CLARE**  
Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center