

MASTER'S CERTIFICATES – SHORT UPDATE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON QUEBEC FISHING VESSELS SAFETY

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International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995

- Canada has ratified the STCW-F convention in June 2010
- The STCW-F convention has entered into force on September 29, 2012
- The MPR are currently under review to give effect to the STCW-F requirements
- Entry into force ?





REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD A CERTIFICATE

Phase-in dates

The requirements to hold a certificate, a training certificate or a declaration of at least seven fishing seasons for the master and any other person in charge of the watch begin on the date indicated in the table below:

Vessels	Required Beginning
Vessels with LOA of over 15 m (49 ft 02 in)	November 7, 2008
Vessels with LOA of over 14 m (45 ft 11 in)	November 7, 2009
Vessels with LOA of over 13 m (42 ft 08 in)	November 7, 2010
Vessels with LOA of over 12 m (39 ft 04 in)	November 7, 2012
Vessels with LOA of over 6 m (19 ft 08 in)	November 7, 2015
Vessels of all lengths	November 7, 2016

Note: The length overall (LOA) is the distance between the foremost point and the aftermost point of the vessel. The aft deck extensions (platforms) are to be included. The bulbous bow is not included.

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SMALL VESSEL OPERATOR

- Was only a **training certificate**
- **Will become a new certificate of competency** (credit card format)
- Validity:
 - ✓ Master, vessel not exceeding 12 m in length overall
 - ✓ Near coastal class 2 voyages, or sheltered waters
- Prerequisites:
 - ✓ Small vessel operator **training certificate**
 - ✓ **MED** with respect to small non-pleasure domestic vessel basic safety (minimum A3)
 - ✓ Marine **basic first aid**
 - ✓ Appropriate **radio operator** certificate

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SMALL VESSEL OPERATOR COURSE

The new small vessel operator course will consist of 4 different modules:

- ✓ **“Basic Module”**: Mandatory module for all (34 hours)
- ✓ **“Fishing module”**: Additional module for fishing vessels (6 hours)
- ✓ **“Passenger module”**: Additional module for small passenger vessels (6 hours)
- ✓ **“Tug module”**: Additional module for tugs (6 hours) + 2 months of service

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SMALL VESSEL OPERATOR PROFICIENCY COURSE TRAINING CERTIFICATE RECOGNITION

- The **Small Vessel Operator proficiency (SVOP)** course passed before the amendments to the *Marine Personnel Regulations (MPR)*, will credit the new « Basic module »
- Persons who will have obtained the SVOP training certificate before the amendments to the MPR, will be able to continue operating **fishing vessels not exceeding 15 gross tonnage or not exceeding 12 metres**
- After the entry into force of the revised MPR, the new **Small vessel operator certificate of competency** will be limited only to fishing vessels **not exceeding 12 metres**
- The captain of a vessel of **more than 12 metres**, will be required to hold an **FM4** or a **certificate of service** as master

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EXCHANGE – FISHING MASTER CLASS 3

➤ Only one possibility

Old certificate	New certificate of competency	Unlimited waters	Limited waters (200 miles or continental shelf)	Near coastal class 2 voyages (25 miles)	Sheltered waters voyage
<i>Fishing Master, Third Class (CFV3)</i>	<i>(STCW-F) Master, Fishing Vessel Less than 45 metres in Length, Limited Waters</i>	➤ Officer in charge of the watch	➤ Master of fishing vessel less than 45 metres in length	➤ Master of fishing vessel less than 45 metres in length ➤ Master, vessel of any type (except tugs) of less than 60 gross tonnage	➤ Master of fishing vessel less than 45 metres in length ➤ Master, vessel of any type (except tugs) of less than 60 gross tonnage

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FISHING MASTER 4TH CLASS, EXCHANGE CHOICES

Old certificate	Requirements for exchange	New certificate	Limited waters (200 miles or continental shelf)	Near coastal voyage, class 2 (25 miles)	Sheltered waters voyage
<i>Fishing Master, Fourth Class (CFV 4)</i>	None	<i>Fishing Master, Fourth Class, Limited waters</i>	➤ Master, fishing vessel of less than 100 gross tonnage ➤ Officer in charge of the watch of fishing vessel less than 45 metres (Canadian ports only)	➤ Master, fishing vessel of less than 100 gross tonnage ➤ Officer in charge of the watch of fishing vessel less than 45 metres (Canadian ports only) ➤ Master, vessel of any type (except tugs) of less than 60 GT	➤ Master, fishing vessel of less than 100 gross tonnage ➤ Officer in charge of the watch of fishing vessel less than 45 metres (Canadian ports only) ➤ Master, vessel of any type (except tugs) of less than 60 GT
<i>Fishing Master, Fourth Class (CFV 4)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 months of service on a vessel of at least 12m <input type="checkbox"/> Ship construction and stability exam, level 1 (SCS 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Simulated electronic navigation fishing (SEN-F)	<i>(STCW-F) Officer, fishing vessel of less than 45 m in length, limited waters</i>	➤ Officer in charge of the watch of fishing vessel less than 45 metres ➤ Master of fishing vessel less than 24 metres in length	➤ Officer in charge of the watch of fishing vessel less than 45 metres ➤ Master of fishing vessel less than 24 metres in length ➤ Master, vessel of any type (except tugs) of less than 60 GT	➤ Officer in charge of the watch of fishing vessel less than 45 metres ➤ Master of fishing vessel less than 24 metres in length ➤ Master, vessel of any type (except tugs) of less than 60 GT

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THE END

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