Able Bodied Seaman

Course Length: 40 hours
Price: $800.00

This 5-day course offers instruction in both the watchstanding duties and the shipboard responsibilities of an able seaman. Students perform all deck-related tasks one might expect to encounter at sea. It provides the knowledge, understanding and proficiency to work safely and efficiently aboard today's merchant vessels. Marlinspike seamanship proficiency is demonstrated practically, and includes tying various knots, bends, hitches and splices. Upon completion of instruction and examinations, each student shall have a good understanding of the subjects in 46 CFR § 12.05-7, and be proficient in knot tying. The level of understanding will meet the standard for passing the Coast Guard examination given in the Regional Examination Centers. Provided the candidate meets all other qualification requirements for the requested license, those who pass all examinations with satisfactory scores will be considered to have demonstrated that they possess the knowledge required by 46 CFR 10.903(a)(19) and 46 CFR Table 10.910-2 for this license.

The Proficiency in Survival Craft (Lifeboat) course is taught as a separate module and may be required by the student if the lifeboat endorsement is not currently attached to your Merchant Marine Certificate (MMC). See Proficiency in Survival Craft (Lifeboat) for details.

Any applicant who has successfully completed this 40-hour Able Seaman course and presents your certificate of training at a Regional Exam center within one year of the completion of training, will satisfy the written examination requirements of 46 CFR 12.05-9 for the “Deck & Navigation General/Deck Safety” and “Deck General & Safety/Rules of the Road” exam modules for any Able Seaman endorsement; and the written “Survival Craft” examination requirements of 46 CFR 12.05-9 for any endorsement as Able Seaman restricted to vessels without lifeboats (exam module 441xx) and the practical (knot-tying) examination requirements of 46 CFR 12.05-9 for any Able Seaman endorsement.

Course Tools Required
A clear mind ready to learn and retain information.
Paper and pencil for note taking.

Recommended Reading