US Coast Guard Foreign Passenger Vessel Examinations

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USCG Foreign Passenger Vessel Exams

- Certificate of Compliance Exams
- Inspection Items
- Environmental Considerations
- Deficiencies and Enforcement Actions
- USCG Maritime Information Exchange
Types of USCG Examinations

• Certificate of Compliance (COC) Examination
  • Annual Examination
    – Conducted on an annual basis.
    – Full scope: Focuses on proper operation and maintenance of shipboard firefighting, lifesaving, and emergency systems.
    – Includes 6 USCG Port State Control Examiners.
    – Takes approximately 5-8 hours.
  • Periodic Examination
    – Conducted on a semi-annual basis.
    – Frequency may be increased due to compliance history.
    – Reduced scope: Focuses on safe operation of the ship, and performance of ship’s officers and crew.
Inspection Items

- Ship’s Documents
- Bridge Safety and Navigation Equipment
- Security Systems
- Firefighting
- Fire and Abandon Ship Drill w/Passenger Muster
- Environmental
- Machinery Systems
- Survival Equipment
Environmental Considerations

• Waste Streams
  • Verify vessel is operating per its waste management procedures.
    - Oil Pollution Prevention
    - Grey Water/Black Water Discharge
    - Hazardous Waste Handling
    - Garbage Management Plan
Deficiencies and Enforcement

- **Minor Deficiencies**
  - Corrected on the spot.
  - Correct within 30 days.

- **Major Deficiencies**
  - Correct prior to movement and/or departure.

- **Certificate of Compliance Revocation**
  - Ship is no longer able to carry passengers for hire within U.S. waters.

- **Notice of Violation**
  - Financial penalty for non-adherence to US Laws.

- **Civil Penalty (Class I/II)**
  - Most serious cases. Involves court hearings/federal judges.
USCG Maritime Information Exchange

- Coast Guard maritime information available on the public internet in the form of searchable databases.
- Port State Information Exchange
  - Search both open and closed cases for Foreign Vessel operating in U.S. waters.

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Questions?

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