

# 37 Hour Advanced Watchkeeping

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for the second mate wishing to advance to Chief Mate/ Master. It has been carefully designed to meet the STCW-95 competencies for the function Navigation at the Management Level, Advanced Watchkeeping as delineated in Table A-II/2 of the STCW Code and as specified in the U. S. Coast Guard's NMC Policy Letter Number 04-02 of January 11, 2002. This 37 hour course covers the following advanced watchkeeping principles

- establishing watchkeeping arrangements and procedures
- comprehensive understanding and application of the Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) 1972, as amended
- effective bridge teamwork procedures
- planning a voyage

## COURSE APPROVAL

This is a USCG approved course. The person successfully completing this course will satisfy the Watchkeeping and Advanced COLREGS training requirements for STCW certification as Master or Chief mate and will have successfully demonstrated the STCW Function Navigation at the Management Level

(1), Establish Watchkeeping Arrangements and Procedures (Table A-II/2); and

(2) the following assessments reflected in the National Assessment Guidelines: 4-1A, M-4-1B, M-4-1C, M-4-2A.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<b>Morning</b>	Introduction	Communication (Int./Ext.)	Rules of the Road (RAM, NUC, CBD)	Night Orders and Standing Orders	Situational Awareness & Error Chains
	Rules of the Road (Lights/Sound/Action)	Rules of the Road (Narrow Channels & T.S.S.)	Use of all aids: Radar, Electronic, Visual	Case Study	Rules of the Road (Annexes & Distress Signals)
	Simulation	Case Law	Rules of the Road (Inland v. International)	Case Study Transit Planning	Prioritizing Case Study
<b>Afternoon</b>	Rules of the Road (Look Out)	Watch Planning	Situational Awareness	Simulation	Course Review/Final Exam
	Know your vessel & personnel	Squared away Watch	Simulation	Record Keeping	Simulation
	Case Study	Simulation	Case Study	Stress & Fatigue	Course Critique

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This course is principally intended for officers for certification as master and chief mate on ships of 500 gross tons or more. Trainees should have a minimum of six months watchkeeping experience as officer in charge of a navigation watch.