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**Fall Session of The Captain School at ABM Announced**

CLAYTON, New York (August 12, 2024) – The Antique Boat Museum is pleased to announce the 2024 Fall session of the Captain School at ABM with instructors Captain Tom Trovato and Captain Ken Kozin. The Captain School at ABM offers courses necessary to secure a captain’s license. During this session, the Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV), Masters Upgrade, and Towing Endorsement courses will be offered. Upon completion of all coursework and testing, students will have fulfilled a portion of the requirements to apply for their Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) through the U.S. Coast Guard at either the OUPV or Masters level up to 100GRT with the option to add a Towing Endorsement.

**Course Dates & Times:**

**Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV/6-Pack) Course + Exams**

Dates: October 12th- 22nd

Class: October 12th-20th (12th, 13th, 16th, 19th, 20th 8 AM – 5 PM & 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th 8 AM – 12 PM. Attendance is mandatory.)

Exams: October 21st & 22nd (There are 4 exams for OUPV. Exams begin at **9 AM on 10/21 and at 1 PM on 10/22**. **All Students** must complete all 4 exams during the scheduled testing period.)

Cost: $795 \*Including Exam Fees

**Towing Endorsement Course +Exam**

Date: October 22nd

Class + Exam Time: 8 AM – 12 PM

\*1-hour exam time is built into the course curriculum\*

Cost: $100 \*Including Exam Fees

**Upgrade to Masters (~100 GRT) Course + Exam**

Dates: October 25th – 27th

Class + Exam Times: 8 AM – 5 PM (All 3 days)

\*2-hour exam time is built into course curriculum\*

Cost: $300 \*Including Exam Fees

Merchant Mariner Credentials are required in order to legally carry passengers for hire. “For hire” includes fishing charters, tour boats, diving excursions, workboats, water transportation of any kind, and all piloting instruction. Commercial operations such as ferries, tugboats, and supply boats also require USCG-licensed captains, and many manufacturers require licenses for private yacht delivery.

Registration is now open on “The Captain School at ABM” page at abm.org. Further information and links to register online and the Coast Guard’s National Maritime Center MMC Application checklist can all be found on the webpage.

For questions about registration, course materials and/or the process of securing your license, contact Museum Educator Molly Voth at mvoth@abm.org or 315.686.4104 ext. 225.

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**About ABM**

Located on the St. Lawrence River in upstate NY, ABM features a collection of over 300 antique and classic boats and thousands of recreational boating artifacts. Each summer the 4.5-acre waterfront campus comes alive with numerous educational programs and special events, including the longest running antique boat show in North America. For more information, please visit the Museum’s website at abm.org.