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LabOne, Inc. d/b/a Quest Diagnostics, 10101 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219, 913-888-3927/800-873-8845 (Formerly: Quest Diagnostics Incorporated; LabOne, Inc.; Center for Laboratory Services, a Division of LabOne, Inc.)

Legacy Laboratory Services Toxicology, 1225 NE 2nd Ave., Portland, OR 97232, 503-413-5295/800-950-5295

MedTox Laboratories, Inc., 402 W County Road D, St. Paul, MN 55112, 651-636-7466/800-832-3244

Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, 1 Veterans Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55417, 612-725-2088. Testing for Veterans Affairs (VA) Employees Only

Pacific Toxicology Laboratories, 9348 DeSoto Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311, 800-328-6942 (Formerly: Centinela Hospital Airport Toxicology Laboratory)

Phamatech, Inc., 15175 Innovation Drive, San Diego, CA 92128, 888-635-5840

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 400 Egypt Road, Norristown, PA 19403, 610-631-4600/877-642-2216 (Formerly: SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories; SmithKline Bio-Science Laboratories)

Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, 3700 Westwind Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403, 800-255-2159

US Army Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory, 2490 Wilson St., Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-5235, 301-677-7085, Testing for Department of Defense (DoD) Employees Only

* The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) voted to end its Laboratory Accreditation Program for Substance Abuse (LAPSA) effective May 12, 1998. Laboratories certified through that program were accredited to conduct forensic urine drug testing as required by U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. As of that date, the certification of those accredited Canadian laboratories will continue under DOT authority. The responsibility for conducting quarterly performance testing plus periodic on-site inspections of those LAPSA-accredited laboratories was transferred to the U.S. HHS, with the HHS' NLCP contractor continuing to have an active role in the performance testing and laboratory inspection

processes. Other Canadian laboratories wishing to be considered for the NLCP may apply directly to the NLCP contractor just as U.S. laboratories do.

Upon finding a Canadian laboratory to be qualified, HHS will recommend that DOT certify the laboratory (**Federal Register**, July 16, 1996) as meeting the minimum standards of the Mandatory Guidelines published in the **Federal Register** on January 23, 2017 (82 FR 7920). After receiving DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of HHS-certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

Carlos Castillo,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2021-0407]

Guidance: Change 2 to NVIC 02-18 Guidelines on Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch of Vessels of Less Than 500 GT

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of change 2 to Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 02-18, Guidelines on Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch of Vessels of Less Than 500 GT. This NVIC provides guidance to mariners concerning regulations governing endorsements to Merchant Mariner Credentials for service on vessels of less than 500 Gross Tons (GT) (*i.e.*, not limited to near-coastal waters). This change notice revises NVIC 02-18 to indicate that the Coast Guard will not enforce the 3 month maximum allowable substitution for credible sea service in a rating capacity.

DATES: The policies announced in Change-2 to NVIC 02-18 are effective as of August 26, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To view documents and CH-2 NVIC 02-18 mentioned in this notice, search the docket number USCG-2021-0407 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this document,

contact the James Cavo, Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division (CG-MMC-2), Coast Guard; telephone 202-372-1205; email MMCPolicy@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NVIC 02-18 describes the Coast Guard's policy for merchant mariners to qualify for and renew Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) endorsements to Merchant Mariner Credentials under 46 CFR 11.319 for service as officer in charge of a navigational watch (OICNW) on vessels of less than 500 GT upon all waters (*i.e.*, not limited to near-coastal waters). The Coast Guard has become aware that mariners seeking an endorsement as OICNW of vessels of less than 500 GT are experiencing difficulties meeting the bridge watchkeeping requirements for the endorsement in a rating capacity.

As specified in § 11.319(a)(2), mariners must obtain at least six months of service performing bridge watchkeeping duties. This section also limits the amount of service in a rating capacity that can be used to meet this requirement to not more than 6 months of experience, which is accepted as a maximum of three months of creditable service. The mariner would have to obtain three additional months of service performing bridge watchkeeping duties in a non-rating capacity, such as an officer capacity. The OICNW of vessels less than 500 GT is considered a first certificate of competence, in that it may be the first STCW officer endorsement a mariner obtains, mariners typically qualify by serving as a rating such as able seaman. It is often impossible for these mariners to meet the 6 month bridge watchkeeping requirement with the 3 month limit on credible rating service because they cannot serve as an officer to accrue the remaining 3 months of bridge watchkeeping without this OICNW first certificate of competence.

This CH-2 will remedy that barrier to qualifying for the OICNW of vessels less than 500 GT endorsement by not enforcing the 3 month maximum allowable substitution for service as a rating to meet the required service performing bridge watchkeeping duties. This change notice revises NVIC 02-18 to indicate that the Coast Guard will accept, on a day for day basis and without limitation, service in any capacity performing bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of an officer holding the STCW endorsement as Master, Chief Mate, or OICNW. Allowing mariners to accrue bridge watchkeeping service in a

rating capacity on a day for day basis provides additional avenues for qualification as an OICNW of vessels less than 500 GT and reduces the regulatory burden on these mariners.

We compared the requirements for OICNW of vessels less than 500 GT in 46 CFR 11.319 with those for OICNW of vessels of 500 GT or more in 46 CFR 11.309. For the endorsement for OICNW on vessels 500 GT or more, a mariner can satisfy the bridge watchkeeping requirements with six months of rating service. The OICNW on vessels of 500 GT or more endorsement has no cap on rating sea service and rating service is credited on a day for day basis.

The rating limitation on the OICNW of vessels less than 500 GT was included because of an oversight during development of the final rule “Implementation of the Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, and Changes to National Endorsements” that published on December 24, 2013. (78 FR 77796). The Coast Guard had the three month rating limitation in both §§ 11.309(a)(2) and 11.319(a)(2) in the notice of proposed rulemaking (74 FR 59354, Nov. 17, 2009) and supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (76 FR 45908, Aug. 11, 2011). In the final rule, the Coast Guard removed the limitation in § 11.309(a)(2) for endorsements as OICNW for 500 GT or more stating we “revise[d] section to reduce redundant language from other sections of this subpart.” (79 FR at 77799). However, the Coast Guard neglected to make the same change to 46 CFR 11.319(a)(2) for the lower tonnage regulation for OICNW of vessels less than 500 GT.

The rating limitation was carried over from previous editions of the regulatory text, but was not intended to be a limit on either of the STCW OICNW endorsements. It is unnecessarily burdensome to limit the rating capacity bridge watchkeeping to three months in the endorsement that is that is for a lesser tonnage.

For these reasons, the Coast Guard will not enforce the limitation on the rating capacity service in 11.319(a)(2), as reflected in CH-2 to NVIC 02-18 Guidelines on Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch of Vessels of Less Than 500 GT.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

Dated: August 26, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2021-0628]

National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (Committee) will meet in Portsmouth, Virginia to discuss matters relating to maritime collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures; marine information; and aids to navigation systems. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES:

Meeting: The Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 21, and Wednesday, September 22, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Please note that this meeting may adjourn early if the Committee has completed its business.

Comments and supporting documentations: To ensure your comments are received by Committee members before the meeting, submit your written comments no later than September 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704. https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/orfpt-renaissance-portsmouth-norfolk-waterfront-hotel/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-4ba596febe2&y_source=1_MTYzODkzNC03MTUtbG9jYXRpb24uZ29vZ2xlX3dlYnNpdGVfb3ZlcnJpZGU%3D.

Pre-registration Information: Pre-registration is not required for access. Attendees will be required to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Masks will be provided for all attendees regardless of vaccination status. The most up to date CDC guidance can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

[coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance.html](https://www.uscg.mil/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance.html).

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Instructions: You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the meeting, but if you want Committee members to review your comment before the meeting, please submit your comments no later than September 15, 2021. We are particularly interested in comments on the issues in the “Agenda” section below. We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the individual in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. You must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number USCG-2021-0628. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may wish to view the Privacy and Security Notice available on the homepage of <https://www.regulations.gov>, and DHS’s eRulemaking System of Records notice (85FR 14226, March 11, 2020). If you encounter technical difficulties with comment submission, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Docket Search: Documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, and all public comment, will be in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website’s instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign-up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. George Detweiler, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee, telephone (202) 372-1566, or email George.H.Detweiler@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is in compliance with the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (5 U.S.C. appendix). The National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee is authorized by section 601 of the *Frank LoBiondo Act of 2018* and is codified in 46 U.S.C. 15107. The Committee operates under the