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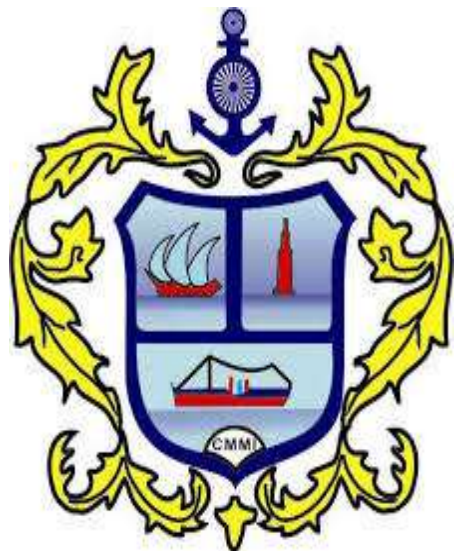
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## CMMI conducts Meeting on the “Validation Process For Expired COCs”



Capt. Daniel Joseph

The Company of Master Mariners of India (CMMI) organized a Meeting on the “Validation Process for expired COCs” on Thursday, 9th March 2023 on a virtual platform.

A large number of senior Master Mariners, as well as Junior Officers residing/ employed in India as well as abroad, have their COCs expired. Numerous shore jobs demand that you should be in possession of a valid COC to be eligible to perform the duties. Though most such officers have licenses issued under STCW 1995, some also have licenses issued under STCW 1978 making the situation more challenging.

CMMI initially organized a meeting between MMD and CMMI Members of the Dubai Chapter a few days ago. After the grand success of this online meeting held by Capt. Daniel Joseph, Examiner of Masters & Mates, MMD Mumbai Assessment Centre, to discuss and clarify the doubts by Masters regarding the revalidation of their COCs, CMMI

arranged the next meeting as Part II on “Validation process of expired COCs”.

It was heartening to note that a huge number of participants joined the meeting despite the very short notice. On the Zoom platform, it got full of the permitted 100 capacity, and on YouTube: 361 participants, on the Sailor Today website: 664 participants. **Total participants: 1125 from all over the world who joyfully listened to Capt. Daniel on the topic, knowing the next step they will follow is to validate their COC.**

The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Capt. Kaustubh Pradhan, Dy Master CMMI then moved to PowerPoint presentation by Capt. Daniel Joseph, Examiner of Masters & Mates, MMD Mumbai Assessment Centre. He briefed the audience on the following six categories under which expired COC can be processed:

STCW 1978 COC UPGRADATION / REVALIDATION					
Cat.	COC holder	STCW 1978	STCW 1995	STCW 2010	Status
1	Masters FG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sea service
2	Masters FG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maritime shore service
3	Masters FG	Yes	Yes	NO	Maritime shore service
4	Masters FG	Yes	Yes	NO	Sea-Maritime shore service
5	Masters FG	Yes	NO	NO	Maritime shore service
6	Masters FG	Yes	NO	NO	Sea-Maritime shore service

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Explaining the requirements under each category, he moved to the last category 6th where the expired COC holder is ashore working in the Non-Maritime field and has NOT validated his/her COC under the 1995 convention or under STCW 2010 Convention (Hold expired COC issued under STCW 1978 Convention).

After the great presentation on the topic, the webinar opened with the Q&A session, and very interesting questions were put forth and the same were very well responded to by Capt. Daniel and the participants were seen as happy and felt cleared of their doubts.

The webinar was very interactive and advised the stakeholders about the existing practices and revalidation and upgradation of their COCs, especially for seafarers living abroad.

The meeting ended

with appreciation words from Capt. B. K. Jha, Master CMMI, for Capt. Daniel in sharing great input followed by a **Vote of Thanks** from Capt. M. P. Bhasin, Secretary General CMMI thanking Capt. Daniel and describing an excellent Session and an extremely interactive

one. He also thanked Capt. L.K. Panda for his input, and the participants who had come forward in large numbers and attended at very short notice, and lastly and importantly thanked Mr. Sudhir and Capt. SasiKumar who had managed to organize the meeting at very short notice.



### STCW 1978 COC UPGRADATION / REVALIDATION – CAT. 6

1. Master FG Advanced Shipboard Management course (45 days) OR Oral examinations from Mercantile Marine Department
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3. DG Shipping, Gol approved Ship Manoeuvring Simulator course (5 days course)
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5. DG Shipping, Gol approved ECDIS course (5 days course)
6. DG Shipping, Gol approved RUTC course for STCW 95 to 2010 (11 days course)
7. Refresher training course in PST and PSCRB (1 day course)
8. Refresher training course in PPF and AFF (1 day course)
9. Valid medical fitness certificate issued by DG Shipping, Gol approved medical examiner OR applicants residing abroad may submit certificate of medical fitness certificate issued by medical practitioner approved by maritime administration of the country they are located in
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