

Good morning EPF Captains, Chief Engineers, Officers, and Engineers

(Captains and Chiefs - Please disseminate widely to your licensed officers (including to your reliefs - I attempt to not email anyone ashore if possible but this information is still vital to revalidation)
(Also, the email list updates are far and few in between, please check to see if I have covered all Capt/CE currently onboard)

We are witnessing a great deal of confusion in regards to the revalidation books.

Simply put, it is the mariner's responsibility to keep up with the requirements in the book. You cannot be revalidated without the necessary requirements in this book being completed.

Those requirements are:

Service time verification record (with each record signed by the Captain - easiest way is to bring your work and record book with you during check out)

The log of your watches (currently only the Captain and Chief Engineer are exempt from this restriction - 1O and 1AE must, at some point obtain 6 day watches and 6 night watches or attend a Type Rating during the ship board portion).

FYI: This is one of the more hinky parts of the "Open Ocean" nature of our certification; typical High Speed Vessels are intended for point to point routes, often continuously operating near land and in busy sea ways. The understanding we have with the coast guard is that 6 day and 6 night watches are all that is necessary because of our "open ocean" nature vice the actual intention of the regulation concerned with arriving and departing. This work around satisfies the Coast Guard and makes it more possible for us to attain this wicket (otherwise you have to be on 6 watches during arrival and departure in the day light and 6 more at night).

Or

Your proof of transits from pier to the sea buoy in a TRE course signed by a QI (meaning you have to attend the 3 week shipboard portion until all 12 in and outs are completed)

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Because this is MSC and we love doing things different than originally designed, the EPF Training Cadre accepts the following work arounds:

We are currently accepting the following inserted in the record book (Yes you still need the record book).

Official Sea Service letter(s) in lieu of filling out the service time verification record.

Port visit log in letter form signed by the Captain in lieu of trip verification (we are not exactly sure at this point if the Coast Guard is going to approve of this, technically you are supposed to be on the bridge watching for hazards of navigation, but, because we are rewriting the rules with this "open ocean" High Speed Vessel anyway, at this point, the EPF Training Cadre feels we are meeting the intent of the law by the mariner being present on the maneuvering detail).

For the Captains:

The official log letter example and log example (in case you are not already maintaining one) (kindly provided by Captain Casavant) and TRE Revalidation Work and Record book are attached.

I hope this helps clarify requirements.

Any questions please email the EFP Training inbox directly (please never CC any of the EPF training cadre - we are trying to limit email overload so we can spend more time on the mariners).

Very respectfully,
Brandon Wooton

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EPF Training Cadre



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USNS NAME EPF 1 FPO AE
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IN REPLY REFER TO
14 August 2015

United States Coast Guard
National Maritime Center (NMC)
100 Forbes Drive
Martinsburg, WV 25404

Re: T-EPF Type Certificate Revalidation

To Whom It May Concern:

Merchant Mariner Name is a member of the bridge team aboard USNS EPF#, a Military Sealift Command, Department of the Navy ship. During his time aboard, he has performed the following series of arrival and departure evolutions, as recorded in the official Ships Log.

Date	Arrival / Departure	Day / Night	Port	Last Line / Set Details	Secure Details / First Line	Sunrise / Sunset
5-Jul-2015	Departure	Day	Name of port	1010	1133	0551
7-Jul-2015	Arrival	Day		0630	0758	0753
8-Jul-2015	Departure	Day		0827	0908	0553
11-Jul-2015	Arrival	Day		0630	0829	0521
13-Jul-2015	Departure	Day		0910	0947	0521
15-Jul-2015	Arrival	Day		0730	0850	0647
16-Jul-2015	Departure	Day		0737	0831	0648
16-Jul-2015	Arrival	Day		1630	1749	2018
17-Jul-2015	Departure	Day		1310	1357	2018
18-Jul-2015	Arrival	Day		0930	1103	0649
19-Jul-2015	Departure	Day		0752	0855	0649
19-Jul-2015	Arrival	Day		1700	1822	2017
20-Jul-2015	Departure	Day		1121	1213	0650
21-Jul-2015	Arrival	Day		1730	1845	2017
23-Jul-2015	Departure	Day		1110	1200	0651
1-Aug-2015	Arrival	Day		0730	0900	0527
2-Aug-2015	Departure	Day		0916	0943	0527
3-Aug-2015	Arrival	Day		0830	1020	0532
4-Aug-2015	Departure	Day		0908	0946	0533
11-Aug-2015	Arrival	Day		0830	0942	0642



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Capt. Name

Master, USNS EPF#

FPO, AE #

Office: #

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Date	Arrival/Departure *TRE Training	Day/Night	Port	Last Line / Set Details	Secure Details / First Line	Sunrise / Sunset
19-Jan-13	Departure	Day		0900	1406	0650
19-Jan-13	Arrival	Day		1530	1735	1718
21-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1148	1241	0645
21-Jan-13	Arrival*	Day		1241	1303	0645
21-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1313	1350	0645
21-Jan-13	Arrival*	Day		1350	1430	1717
21-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1430	1512	1717
21-Jan-13	Arrival*	Day		1512	1544	1717
22-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1031	1113	0645
22-Jan-13	Arrival*	Day		1113	1134	0645
22-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1214	1304	0645
22-Jan-13	Arrival*	Day		1304	1338	1717
22-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1338	1430	1717
22-Jan-13	Arrival*	Day		1519	1545	1717
23-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1620	1650	1717
23-Jan-13	Arrival*	Day		1700	1721	1717
23-Jan-13	Departure*	Night		1724	1750	1717
23-Jan-13	Arrival*	Night		1804	1829	1717
23-Jan-13	Departure*	Night		1830	1908	1717
23-Jan-13	Arrival*	Night		1932	1950	1717
24-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1539	1614	1717
24-Jan-13	Arrival*	Day		1616	1648	1717
24-Jan-13	Departure*	Night		1718	1801	1717
24-Jan-13	Arrival*	Night		1803	1832	1717
24-Jan-13	Departure*	Night		1832	1906	1717
24-Jan-13	Arrival*	Night		1939	2012	1717
25-Jan-13	Departure*	Night		1736	1815	1718
25-Jan-13	Arrival*	Night		1833	1906	1718
26-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1407	~1500	0645
26-Jan-13	Arrival*	Day		1542	1613	1721
28-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1427	~1500	0644
28-Jan-13	Arrival*	Day		1555	1620	1724
31-Jan-13	Departure*	Day		1324	1430	0646
31-Jan-13	Arrival*	Night		1704	1752	1724
1-Feb-13	Departure*	Day		0939	~1100	0646