

Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV) Near Coastal

While this USCG-approved class is primarily designed to give boaters the confidence and knowledge to pass the OUPV license exams, it is also recommended for recreational boaters wishing to upgrade or expand their afloat knowledge. The course includes all training and exams required by the U.S. Coast Guard to apply for the OUPV license.

The OUPV ("Six-Pack") license allows boat captains to take up to six paying passengers on trips such as fishing charters, sightseeing tours, or scuba diving trips

Course Outline:

1. Navigation General:
 - Navigation publications, charts, aids to navigation
 - Magnetic and gyro compasses
 - Weather and oceanography
2. Piloting:
 - Chart reading, navigation
3. Navigation rules:
 - Introduction to Navigation Rules
 - General rules
 - Steering and sailing rules
 - Restricted visibility
 - Lights and shapes
 - Sounds and light signals
 - Exemptions
4. Deck Seamanship, Safety and Environmental
 - Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
 - Pollution and sanitation
 - Marlinspike and seamanship
 - Anchoring and ground tackle
 - Ship handling and maneuvering
 - Fire fighting and prevention
 - Emergency procedures and lifesaving
 - Marine radiotelephone
 - Small marine engines

Instructor:

Capt. Wendell Brunk has skippered everything from a 6' sailing pram to a 48' motor yacht. At 40 years old, he has nearly 30 years of boating experience. Wendell has been a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary for over 10 years as a boat crew member, PATON verifier, instructor, vessel examiner, marine dealer visitor, and incident command. Capt Brunk is currently employed by Vessel Assist as a captain of one of their Seattle-based rescue boats.