

**VESSEL SECURITY OFFICER ENDORSEMENT ADDED  
TO STCW-95 CERTIFICATE  
(Revised 9-22-08)**

The United States Coast Guard is currently in the process of implementing a new rule that will require all mariners who are sailing in the position of **Vessel Security Officer (VSO)** on foreign voyages to have the VSO endorsement by July 1, 2009.

MM&P members and tuition students who have taken the **MITAGS/PMI Vessel, Company, and Facility Security Officer (VCF) course**, or its predecessor, the **MITAGS/PMI Security Officer: Port, Company, and Ship (PCS) course (from April 2003 to April 2005)** have met the certified training requirement of this new regulation. To obtain the endorsement, send your application (CG-719B), passport photo, **copies** of your security course certificate, license, MMD, and STCW certificate to your local REC (who will forward to NMC). They will re-issue your STCW-95 certificate, with the security endorsement, at no charge. For those who have taken a Security course that is **not** approved, you will need to take a one-day refresher course. If you have not taken a Security course, or if you cannot obtain a copy of your course completion certificate, you will need to take the regular three-day Security course.

Upcoming dates for MITAGS' Security course are as follows:

2008	2009
<p><b>Three-Day VCF Course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ September 22-24, 2008</li> <li>❖ November 17-19, 2008</li> </ul>	<p><b>Three-Day VCF Course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ February 23-25, 2009</li> <li>❖ May 11-13, 2009</li> </ul>
<p><b>One-Day Refresher Course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ October 16, 2008</li> <li>❖ November 4, 2008</li> <li>❖ December 2, 2008</li> </ul>	<p><b>One-Day Refresher Course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ January 21, 2009</li> <li>❖ February 26, 2009</li> <li>❖ March 27, 2009</li> <li>❖ April 21, 2009</li> <li>❖ May 14, 2009</li> <li>❖ June 8, 2009</li> <li>❖ June 22, 2009</li> </ul>

To enroll in one of MITAGS' courses, please use one of the following methods:

**Website:** www.mitags.org  
**E-mail:** Admissions@mitags.org  
**Toll-Free:** (866) 656-5568

To view a copy of the NMC Approved Courses List, please download the following link:  
[http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/mmic\\_appcourses.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/mmic_appcourses.asp)

For more detailed information, please download the following informative FAQ link:  
[http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/vessel\\_safety\\_officer.asp#vso3](http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/vessel_safety_officer.asp#vso3)

For additional information on custom offsite training locations, please contact Captain Robert Becker, Business Development Manager, toll-free at (866) 656-5569 or via e-mail at [rbecker@mitags.org](mailto:rbecker@mitags.org).