

3 BEST REASONS TO GET A CAPTAIN'S LICENSE

There are many reasons to take the time and cost to get a license, be it for a business or recreation.

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SAFETY.

Captain's classes cover many of the basic items to ensure mariners are safe on the water. Rules of the Road, navigation procedure, responding to emergencies, understanding aids to navigation, use of publications to stay up to date on their waterways and more.

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COST SAVINGS.

Insurance companies and other organizations have a higher level of respect for someone who took the time to get the credentials. Active and working captains are required to be part of drug testing programs. In many cases, you are able to get boating insurance at a lower rate.

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LIVING THE DREAM IN A LIFESTYLE CAREER.

It opens up opportunities for jobs both on federal waters and non federal waters. When an opportunity arises, it's a little late to try to get the needed license. It takes a minimum of eight week's from the start if you are working with a Captains school like True North Maritime. Otherwise plan on 3 to 6 months to get it.

When operating private boats, most insurance companies will not let you operate it without a captains license. They want someone with the needed experience to minimize risk.

So what other opportunities are available? Being a captain is normally not a 9 to 5 job. You work when people need you. Also you work weekends when people want to play on the water.



OPPORTUNITIES, JUST TO NAME A FEW.

FISHING GUIDE/CHARTER OPERATOR; your classic walleye, muskie, salmon, ocean species trip. However, there are others. Teaching people fishing methods for specific species; Mother-Daughter/Mother-Son trips; Fly-fishing for northern pike, fly fishing in Alaska back waters; A growing sport of bow fishing for Asian carp, we have a number of captains doing this full time.

You need to think outside the box.

SMALL GROUP TOURS. What is unique in your area that others may find interesting? They may be common to you but interesting to visitors; back waters on inter-coastal; pelicans on Green Bay; backwaters on the Mississippi River; personal watercraft tours. I am sure you have such areas in your backyard.

TRANSPORTATION WATER TAXI. While having seven or more people require an inspected vessel, six or less does not. Running an UBER in your area, running a water taxi.

WORKING FOR OTHERS: Driving a para sail boat, hydro boarding, custom dive trips, private yacht services.

In summary, there are many opportunities for a person with boating experience and a captain's license; such as teens young just out of high school or those nearing retirement or looking for a career change. The opportunities are there if you have your captain's license.

**THE WATER IS YOUR OYSTER!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR LICENSE?**

SIGN UP TODAY!