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Rolf: Does sailing my 39-ft sailboat on the San Francisco Bay count toward the sea time requirement of the captain's license?

You are now chatting with Contact Center Agent 6

Contact Center Agent 6: Thank you for contacting the National Maritime Center. My name is Tierney. Please allow me a moment while I research your question.

Contact Center Agent 6: The definition of a day is Day means, for the purpose of complying with the service requirements of this subchapter, 8 hours of watchstanding or day-working not to include overtime. On vessels authorized by 46 U.S.C. 8104 and 46 CFR 15.705, to operate a two-watch system, a 12-hour working day may be creditable as 11/2 days of service. On vessels of less than 100 GRT, a day is considered as 8 hours unless the Coast Guard determines that the vessel's operating schedule makes this criteria inappropriate; in no case will this period be less than 4 hours. When computing service on MODUs for any endorsement, a day of MODU service must be a minimum of 4 hours, and no additional credit is received for periods served over 8 hours. For cadet service on a training ship furnished by the Maritime Administration under 46 CFR 310.4, a day may be creditable as 11/2 days of service.

Contact Center Agent 6: We are unable to conduct evaluations without an open application on file. Every individual's service is subject to evaluation. Once we have an application, the evaluator will determine whether or not the sea service submitted is sufficient toward the rating applied. If any additional information is needed, once it reaches the Professional Qualifications Evaluation Branch, a letter will be sent allowing the individual 90 days to gather the missing item(s).

Requirements for each endorsement can be found at <http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/National-Maritime-Center-NMC/checklist/>

Rolf: Thanks for all that info. I can't find in there a reference to my specific question as to the body of water...

Contact Center Agent 6: You would need to contact the local sector to determine if you are sailing Inland, Near Coastal, or Oceans. That will assist you in selecting the endorsement and waterway you wish to apply for.

Rolf: I already called the local Coast Guard and was referred to NMC...