

5.5-305.

(A) A DOCKING MASTER LICENSE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR 2 YEARS FROM THE DATE ISSUED.

(B) AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE A DOCKING MASTER LICENSE EXPIRES, THE BOARD SHALL MAIL TO THE DOCKING MASTER LICENSEE, AT THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE LICENSEE:

(1) A RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM; AND

(2) A NOTICE THAT STATES:

(I) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT LICENSE EXPIRES;

(II) THE DATE BY WHICH THE BOARD MUST RECEIVE THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRES; AND

(III) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.

(C) FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF A DOCKING MASTER LICENSE, A DOCKING MASTER LICENSEE WHO QUALIFIES FOR LICENSURE UNDER § 5.5-302 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL HAVE A 1-YEAR GRACE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH TO RENEW THE DOCKING MASTER LICENSE WITHOUT COMPLETING AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW DOCKING MASTER LICENSE.

5.5-306.

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE ANY DOCKING MASTER LICENSE UPON DETERMINATION THAT EVIDENCE FROM A U.S. COAST GUARD INVESTIGATION PROVIDES SATISFACTORY PROOF THAT A LICENSED DOCKING MASTER:

(1) HAS WILLFULLY VIOLATED ANY OF THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE;

(2) HAS ACTED IN A GROSSLY NEGLIGENT MANNER WITH RESPECT TO ANY VESSEL UNDER THE DOCKING MASTER'S CARE; OR

(3) IS MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY UNFIT TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF A DOCKING MASTER

(B) (1) BEFORE ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION MAY BE TAKEN CONCERNING A COMPLAINT AGAINST A LICENSED DOCKING MASTER, THE BOARD SHALL:

(I) REVIEW THE FACTS OF THE INCIDENT GIVING RISE TO THE COMPLAINT; AND

(II) IF THE BOARD FINDS SUFFICIENT CAUSE TO PROCEED WITH DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE DOCKING MASTER, NOTIFY THE DOCKING MASTER TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN.