

Navtech USSA TPO Subchapter M Initial Request for Approval

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Thank you for the opportunity and please let the following attachment serve as a written request to apply for Third Party Organizational Approval and containing the following information. Navtech US Surveyors has a long standing multi-generational participation in the boating business (see courtesy attachments).

I am available for questions, discussion and suggestions by telephone or by email at either of the above emails. Further background information may be discerned at [www.navsurvey.com](http://www.navsurvey.com).

We are grateful for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dr. Virginia E. Harper

Director

We Serve the Boating Business...Rigorously!

**Ownership:**

**NAVTECH US CAPTAIN US SURVEYORS LLC Limited Liability Corporation, Delaware, Florida**

*The headquarters, offices and classrooms are available for inspection. Fishing Vessel and future Towing Vessel Files are and will be readily available for USCG inspection and retrieval in a designated file.*

**Clients to be Served:**

The qualified but limited members of NAVTECH USSA who have demonstrated commercial towing vessel competency will be serving towing vessel operators. Two who have expressed interest are currently “in-house” surveyors.

**Types of Work and Expertise:**

This TPO approval will be restricted and limited to active member- surveyors of the organization who have rigorously demonstrated by education, training, experiential knowledge his or her ability to inspect commercial towing vessels. Demonstrated requirements to be kept on file annually:

**Organizational Requirements:**

Not all member surveyors will be participating nor desire to participate in Subchapter M inspections. This TPO certification will be limited to rigorously qualified few. However, those who request such participation:

Individuals who participate must have 5 years as commercial surveyor.

90% passing rate on Navtech USSA Commercial Vessel Examination and Towing Vessel Examination (Annually or as requested by USCG).

Proof of participation in USCG AUX or other USCG designated training for towing vessels as offered.

Navtech USSA Active and Continuing Education rigorous examinations completed annually.

**Prior Extent and Scope**

Navtech USSA has a long standing, 30 year commitment to educational and safety commitment to the boating and marine industry. While the focus has consistently been recreational, charter and commercial fishing, a limited number of active members continue to express interest in being able to issue USCG compliance as a Third Party Organization.

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Member: ABYC, Member National Safe Boating Council, Prior Member NMMA, BOAT US

Navtech USSA has been training experienced, and experienced mariners only, by education and examination. While commercial inspection candidates have been limited and will continue to be limited, since its founding, Navtech USSA has a 30 year long standing place in the surveying and

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inspection community. We envision a select, prequalified, and prior experienced member surveyor participant who is specific to the Commercial industry. Navtech USSA performs by experience confirmation and questionnaire, survey and testing:

Navtech USSA is currently a Third Party Organization for Commercial Fishing Vessels and adheres to all requests and requirements. Navtech USSA has been a TPO for fishing vessels since its inception.

Two current members are qualified to perform Commercial Towing Vessel Inspection, and undertook the coursework via USCG on their own. While others have expressed continuing interest, they are on "hold" to see if Navtech USSA will be able to add this training, certification, and coursework through the organization.

### **Organizational Requirements:**

Examinations and Resume on File Permanently at Organizational Headquarters

Peer Review of Towing Commercial Surveys

Prior Experience background check for commercial vessels by Resume, Employment Reference Check

Prior Legal Background Check

Navtech USSA Code of Ethics signature and acceptance by Notary Public adherence (Attachment)

Required: USCG MS Office and In house reporting. Copies to be kept on file for 5 years or longer as designated by USCG

Active Membership and Annual Continuing Education and Posting to Roster of Expertise