

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY



**U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco
Virtual Commercial Fishing Vessel Exam Procedures**

To minimize personal interactions and reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, your upcoming CFVS Dockside Exam may be conducted in a virtual manner as opposed to a physical on scene inspection by a USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety (CFVS) examiner. This procedure will allow commercial fishing vessel operators to transmit required documentation electronically for review and also to verify proper service and installation of mandatory safety equipment.

Prior to requesting an exam the vessel operator should go to the USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel checklist generator to create a list of requirements for the subject vessel. Type or paste the following url into your web browser: <http://www.fishsafewest.info/checklist/generator.html> Follow instructions on the webpage to generate a custom checklist for your vessel.

After verifying that checklist items are current/complete call to make an appointment for an exam with your local CFVS examiner at numbers listed below.

CFVS examiners will then pre-screen and capture the basic information required on the front page of Dockside Exam form, CG 5587 prior to a virtual inspection. These requirements will also include, but are not limited to, your ability to use smart phone, Ipad, etc., to take pictures and video and that good cell and/or Wi-Fi service is available. Vessel operators should also have sufficient lighting and/or flashlights available to ensure subject safety equipment can be adequately observed remotely by the CFVS examiner to verify compliance.

Prior to the issue of a CFVS Decal the examiner has full discretion to require additional documentation, pictures, or videos throughout the virtual inspection, and may also require a follow-up visit to verify equipment or systems in person.

To schedule a Virtual Dockside Exam or if you have questions please call:

USCG Sector San Francisco Prevention Department, CFVS Branch

- **Manny Ramirez : (415) 399-7310** for Monterey, Moss Landing, Santa Cruz, HMB, San Francisco, and Bodega Bay.
- **Melinda Bacon: (707) 481-0048** for Fort Bragg, Eureka, and Crescent City.