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A LETTER TO MARINERS

QUALITY ASSESSMENT AT SEA

To the Mariners,

Fellow mariners,

Quality assessment belongs at sea. It always did. Competence was proven on the vessel, under officers who know the work — not only in a classroom shore-side that never saw your hitch.

For a long time the bottleneck has been how we prove what we already do. Good mariners lose weeks of pay sitting ashore to demonstrate skills they practice every day on deck, in the tank, and on the bridge. The knowledge is not the problem. The path to a clean, honest sign-off too often is.

North 37 is an academy built by seamen. That matters. Shore schools have their place, and we respect the work they do. But an academy that comes from the water can help bring assessment back to sea — where captains, mates, and tankermen can watch the work, hold the standard, and sign when the mariner is ready. We publish curriculum free for every adult mariner to study. Behind that curriculum sits Hitch, our Seafaring Intelligence: he tracks the questions you ask underway, and he marks assessments when they have been properly assessed — not when someone waved a pen, but when the work was real. The judgment and the signature stay with the human officer. Hitch keeps the record straight.

Starlink, and similar ship connectivity, changes what is possible while underway. Assessors and students can share work, observe standards, and take part in mentorship and remote quality-assessment participation without forcing every step into a shore classroom. The sea can stay the classroom. The connection lets the academy stand watch with you.

Education is free. The tools to get the credential often are not.

We do not sell access to the books. We are actively becoming U.S. Coast Guard–approved — in the process of obtaining Coast Guard approval through NMC pathways, and from there possibly other nations' recognition. The Coast Guard still sets the credential rules; North 37 prepares and organizes adult mariners for that work — free curriculum, honest tools, and an officer-led sign-off culture that belongs at sea.

If you want assessment where the work is done, join us. Bring your questions. Keep your standards high.

Fair winds,

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Master, Oceans Towing



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