

## **TRANSFER PROCEDURE INTO THE OFFSHORE GROUP:**

You need a minimum of 360 sea days and two years good standing as a Member in your current group to transfer. If you qualify to transfer, request a Transfer Form from the MM&P Membership Department at [membership@bridgedeck.org](mailto:membership@bridgedeck.org). The transfer request must be approved at a General Executive Board meeting. No funds are required with the completed transfer form. However, once approved you will need to pay the difference in initiation fee paid or waived in your current group and the Offshore initiation fee. This amount will be due in full at the time you fill out the Offshore application package and register to ship along with the pro-rated dues for the quarter. To become a Class C member in the Offshore group you will also need to take the Offshore Familiarization Course (OFC).

If you choose to pay the difference in initiation fee and take the OFC before the transfer is approved, you may be taken in immediately as a Class C member at the GEB meeting as long as you have at least as much sea time as the lowest sea time total of Offshore applicants taken in as a C book member at the same meeting. If you are not taken in at the meeting of course the initiation fee would be refunded.

If you have submitted your transfer form and have not taken the course or paid the difference in initiation fee, your transfer can be approved contingent upon paying the difference in initiation fee. Upon completion of the OFC, you will be able to register to ship and receive a C book. In order to advance above a C book you will have to go through the point system and pass the Navigational Assessment Course.

Until your transfer is approved, and you have completed the OFC and paid the initiation fee difference, **you must remain in good standing in your current group.**