

# SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from  
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Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information informative and helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.



## MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT MAY PREVENT YOU FROM SAILING (Part II)



We conclude our discussion of various medical conditions that require a waiver by the Coast Guard in order to continue sailing. The below listed disorders are in addition to those previously mentioned in our earlier newsletters:

- Bladder cancer
- Colon/rectal cancer
- Prostate cancer
- Sleep apnea
- Chronic bronchitis
- Depression
- Diabetes (requiring oral medication or insulin)
- Gastrointestinal bleeding
- Hepatitis B or C
- Hodgkin's disease
- Osteoarthritis
- Rheumatoid arthritis

Our identified disorders are not all inclusive. You must consult NVIC 04-08 for the complete list.

Keep in mind that most all of these conditions are subject to waiver with proper medical documentation by an appropriate specialist.

## QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



*I have been diagnosed with prostate cancer by biopsy and lab tests and am wondering if I am eligible to continue sailing?*

*Henry C., Norfolk, VA*

Henry,

This is quite a broad subject and the answer is dependent upon a number of things, such as the need for immediate intervention either with surgery or radiation, or both. If you are following a course of "Active Surveillance" there is no need to stop sailing, but it is important to follow your doctor's instructions and follow up with care as recommended. It would not be necessary to worry about a Coast Guard waiver until you underwent some type of intervention.

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