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Back at school after more than 25 years in the fleet

At the age of 57, Viggo Hvidberg now has a student ID card. “I need to improve and advance!”

Not many 57 year olds carry a student ID card and use it actively but that is exactly what ESVAGT's Viggo Hvidberg is doing.

Originally trained home-trade master, he has had a busy 25 years with ESVAGT. But now he wants to upgrade and is training to be ship's master:

“I can currently sail as master on vessels up to 3,000 tons. But ESVAGT's

vessels are becoming increasingly larger and if I want to make my career future-proof, I need to re-train,” says Viggo Hvidberg.

He is studying while working. During his spare time on board the vessel, he spends 3-5 hours a day studying and doing homework via e-learning. Back on shore, he stays in college at Skagen Skipperskole (Skagen Maritime College):

“It is hard at my age but when it’s something that really interests you, then it is all right. I need to upgrade! There are plenty of good years left in me yet and I am convinced that there are no limits to what I can achieve,” says Viggo Hvidberg:

“I want to be the one who decides what I can skipper and I want to be where the action is!”

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