

## **FAST TRACK IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SAVE UP TO £1000!**

### **Savings pay for airfare and a holiday. Fast Track 8 or 9 week Course**

Come to South Africa to get your IYT qualification that's recognised by MCA, and save enough to pay for the airfare and a holiday in this great tourist country!

Price includes: Accommodation on board, all tuition, course notes and exam fees  
Excludes: Food, refreshments, shoreside expenses

### **Fast Track Course up to Yachtmaster Ocean theory level** *MCA Recognised*

This is the best value Fast Track course around. The price is unbeatable, it's as compact as possible plus you can do it in beautiful, sunny South Africa! Our instructors are the best in the world and are internationally experienced in the megayacht industry.

Not for the faint-hearted, you'll do a Yachtmaster Offshore, Yachtmaster Ocean and a 3000 nm voyage on the way to achieving a professional qualification that's recognized by the megayacht industry. BUT BEWARE: While this course will highly qualify you, there is no substitute for true hands-on experience!

NB: We at PYT ONLY offer MCA recognized qualifications with no unnecessary frills or "Bubble Gum Wrapper" type certificates to make it look more important. Employers are interested in the quality of certificates, not their quantity so non-MCA recognized certificates in diesel engines, electronics and diving are about as useful in the megayacht industry as a needlework qualification or a Noddy badge.

### **Correct qualifications essential for a career**

Since February 2002 the mega-yacht industry has felt the full impact of the implementation of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) legislation. Although only British flagged vessels are directly affected, insurance companies are now using the MCA as the benchmark. Crew members have no option but to hold the correct qualifications to have any chance of entering the megayacht industry and realizing its full earning potential.

Candidates with a Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate are only being considered for the most basic deckhand jobs and not much more, because this qualification is required for them to legally carry out watchkeeping duties.

We at PYT are now in a position to offer an alternative that changes the traditional strategy for new entrants to the industry. Until now one had to undergo basic training and get shore-based day work until a crewing position was secured to be able to log the 50 days live aboard, 3 000 nautical miles and 36 night watchkeeping hours needed to qualify for training at the first level of Yachtmaster Offshore certification. This usually took one season and holiday time had to be used for training; not the best way to spend a much-needed break.

Our option in the form of a very intensive 11 week course is not for the faint hearted but it will fast track your entry to a career in the yachting industry by getting you qualified to meet the requirements of the mega yacht employers in advance.

Successful candidates will be awarded a **MEANINGFUL, PROFESSIONAL, COMMERCIAL** Captain's Licence from **International Yachtmaster Training**. However, we have to repeat, graduates will be highly qualified but must realise that their education will have far outstripped their experience and care must be taken not to fall into the "Zero to Hero" trap.

### **THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR EXPERIENCE!**

Like all newly-qualified professionals, graduates of this course will essentially be over-qualified but woefully inexperienced and must guard against irresponsibly over selling their abilities: you are still very much a beginner albeit very well placed to advance to the higher ranks of Officer of the Watch, Chief Mate and eventually Master after further training and the requisite years of experience.

[Contact us](#) for a factual, objective discussion about career options and preferred certifications for a career in the megayacht industry.

## **MODULE 1: YACHT HAND**

Duration: 1 week

Working on the fairly safe assumption that the student has absolutely no experience whatsoever, this very active week is mainly practical and introduces the rudiments of yachting through two to three hours of lectures and six hours of sailing every day. A great deal of fun but physically demanding and very tiring, this is when the group starts to bond and camaraderie begins to develop. Everyone needs this module as it is the basic introduction to life on board a yacht.

Students' practical ability is continually assessed and an internal written examination at the end of the week monitors theoretical progress.

## **MODULE 2: YACHTMASTER OFFSHORE**

Duration: 2 weeks

The syllabus of the MCA recognized course is followed for both theory and practical training although students do not at this stage have the sea time required to hold the Certificate of Competence. At the end of this process theoretical knowledge will far exceed experience, practical ability will be very superficial and much consolidation will be required.

Challenging from an academic point of view with significant self-study time being necessary, this is a very rewarding but intensive module during which the group begins to perform as a team and very strong personal friendships develop.

Collision Regulations, Meteorology, Tides and Navigation are assessed by written examinations during the theory component with practical ability being tested by an external MCA examiner at a later stage once the required qualifying experience has been logged during Module 4.

## **MODULE 3: STCW 95**

Duration: 1 week

The International Maritime Organisation lays down these Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping and the four basic certificates are essential to be able to work legally on board any vessel. This is in terms of International Law and it is virtually impossible to find any work at all in the industry unless this statutory requirement is met.

Two days of Personal Safety and Sea Survival are followed by three days of Fire Fighting and two days of First Aid in this very full week.

## **MODULE 4: QUALIFYING MILEAGE VOYAGE**

Time to put all the training into practice and get down to the real business at hand on one of the most challenging coastlines in the world: if you can sail here, you can sail anywhere!

Everyone chips into the food kitty and helps provision and prepare the vessel and we set out on a voyage to achieve the 3 000 nautical miles required to hold the Yachtmaster Offshore certificate. This must include at least 3 passages of less than 60 miles and 36 night watchkeeping hours.

Destination unknown: we go where the wind takes us, which is essentially what sailing is all about anyway!

At the end of this process students undergo the practical exam and successful candidates will be awarded the Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence.

## **MODULE 5: YACHTMASTER OCEAN THEORY**

Duration: 1 week

This optional module adds six days in the classroom doing battle with celestial navigation or "rocket science" as some students have been moved to name it during moments of despair as to their own "stupidity". This one is a great leveler and very challenging but nothing worthwhile is ever easy and the sense of achievement is tremendous once the "penny drops".

At the end a theoretical exam is followed by an overnight passage to allow candidates to put theory into practice and take celestial sights for their final assessment once they have completed the required 600-mile ocean passage which is not part of this package.

Our Yachtmaster Examiner in Ft Lauderdale will evaluate the each candidate's submission of a passage plan, compass check and celestial sights.

Students who wish to make use of our small library to prepare passage plans are welcome to remain after the course for a few days and do so.

Once the qualifying mileage is completed and the submission presented, the examiner will assess and successful candidates will receive their Yachtmaster Ocean certification in due course.

## **FOOD**

Satisfying the inner person is always important and probably more so in the active outdoor sailing environment. However, buying, stowing and preparing suitable food when the supermarket is not just around the corner and refrigeration facilities are rudimentary at best, presents a challenge.

Students are given a food allowance each week and must use this to provide their onboard meals. A budget must be prepared and expenditure records maintained.

## **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

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The eventual outcome is that you will be a qualified professional which status will be confirmed by the holding of the world's most widely recognized professional certificate of competence for mega yachts.

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Fast tracking will give your career a head start and means that no further training is needed until adequate experience is gained for the Officer of the Watch level BUT THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR EXPERIENCE!

Contact us for a factual discussion about preferred certifications within the mega-yacht industry.