

Yachtmaster Offshore Training Programme - MCA Recognised

You're at the right place if you want to advance your megayacht career. PYT's Offshore course offers the best value in price and time efficiency plus you'll get the highest standards of maritime instruction anywhere for professional deck crew. Our instructors have worked in the megayacht centres of the world.

There is no doubt that aspiring Yachtmasters and Captains must prepare themselves as much as possible before being able to truly take full responsibility for themselves, their vessels and their crews. When it comes down to facing the elements at sea, textbook knowledge is no substitute for practical experience. Our Yachtmaster Offshore Certification Program is an extensive and intensive course designed to provide the highest standards of maritime education for both the professional and recreational yachtsman and woman.

Please note that it is designed for experienced crew with sufficient on the water experience and is not for beginners, therefore command endorsed proof of the required seetime is required upon booking. This is to include on the water experience of 3000 nm, 50 days logged on board, 48 night watch hours and having done STCW'95 Basic Safety Training. (If you don't hold the STCW'95 Basic Safety Training you can do it here the week before – how's that for time efficient!)

Yachtmaster Certification is of vital importance because it is an established and globally recognized measure of competency for the commanding of power and sail vessels. This certification not only makes yachting a pleasure, as it should be, but also a safer pursuit for all those who wish to participate now and in the future.

The final exam will be conducted by an Independent Yachtmaster examiner and takes the form of an extensive oral and practical test on a yacht.

Accommodation is included on board our training yachts free as part of course. Please bring own sleeping bag/pillow/bed linen. Alternatively we have comfortable accommodation at reasonable rates in the academy which is literally 100meters from the yacht marina. [Click here for more...](#)

Duration

3 Weeks

1 Week - Shorebased Course

1 Week - Practical and Examination

1 Week - STCW 95 (Basic Safety Training)

What are the Advantages of Holding a Yachtmaster's Certificate?

- Our International Yachtmaster Offshore Certificates are recognised by Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) for entry to their Deck Officer Yachts Training Scheme.
- Our Yachtmaster qualifications are recognised by insurance corporations worldwide.

Yacht owners are always looking for competent crew to command their vessels.

Holders of Yachtmaster qualifications are extremely marketable due to their recognised knowledge of nautical studies and proven practical competence.

What does the courses consist of?

- **Six Day Comprehensive High Level Shore Based Course** with periodic assessment papers and written examinations, Subjects cover navigation, tidal calculations, international collision regulations, pilotage, meteorology, anchoring and berthing, buoyage, safety, passage planning and seamanship. Candidates are advised that a considerable amount of private study is required in addition to the formal instruction provided.
- **Five Day Yachtmaster Offshore Practical Course Module** is conducted onboard a yacht. This part of the instruction covers all seamanship skills such as tides, ropework, anchor work, boat handling, docking, yacht presentation, general yachting skills, weather, navigation and passage planning. This course will be a preparation course for your final Yachtmaster Offshore Examination held at the end of this course.
- **Restricted Marine VHF Radio Operators Licence.** This course includes all the study material, examination fees etc. for the obtaining of the very important internationally recognised restricted radio operators licence.

STCW 95 Basic Safety Modules - (7 Days) which is instructed in compliance with STCW '95 Code A-VI/1-4 and consists of a classroom component covering subjects such as emergency situations, evacuation, survival craft and rescue boats, personal lifesaving appliances, survival at sea, emergency radio equipment and helicopter assistance. The practical component of the course is spent in a swimming pool performing an actual life raft

inflation and inversion and the simulation of other abandon ship procedures. The theory and practical are both followed by a written examination to test the knowledge gained during the course.

What is required for the final Yachtmaster's Examination?

All of the modules and criteria must be fulfilled before a candidate may apply for the issue of the Certificate of competency.

The Practical Examination.

The final exam will be conducted by a Yachtmaster examiner and takes the form of an extensive oral and practical test on a yacht. Candidates should expect to be examined on any subject covered by the syllabus of the shore based or practical courses and to be questioned on any aspect of their yachting experience to date.

In the event that the examiner considers an examinee not to have achieved the required standards and/or the candidate's ability as Captain does not reach the required standard and/or the prerequisites have not been met for the Yachtmaster Offshore, a Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate will probably be issued in the interim. In this case, if requested, a confidential report will be sent to the candidate outlining the reason or reasons for failure and suggesting remedial action prior to re-sitting the exam.

Completion of the Yachtmaster Certification course is not a guarantee of passing the examination and receiving your certificate. For those candidates who have completed the Yachtmaster Practical Course, the Examination will take place immediately following course completion.

What are the minimum entry requirements to complete the Yachtmaster Offshore Course?

1. **Yachtmaster Candidates must have logged 50 days on board a yacht at sea** as an active member of the crew to be able to participate in the course. For the purpose of the requirement, a day is defined as a period of 24 consecutive hours. Parts of a day *may not be included* in this total, but a day is not invalidated by a candidate leaving the yacht for a few hours during a cruise. The term "at sea" is defined as being on a vessel outside of any harbour - natural or artificial - in which a cruising yacht could secure or anchor for a prolonged period of time.
2. **Candidates must also have logged 3,000 miles in a yacht** while cruising at sea. This mileage must be logged on genuine cruises or passages and not short day trips. At least 2,000 miles must have been completed on coastal voyages and not ocean crossings.
3. **Candidates must have five varied passages with rhumb lines over 60 miles**, for two of which the candidate must have been undertaking the duties of captain or watchkeeper during the passage.
4. **30 hours on watch at night** as an active member of a yacht's crew. For at least six hours of this night time experience, the candidate must have been acting as the vessel's captain/watchleader. "Night", in this context, is defined as the time between sunset and sunrise.
5. **A Current Medical Exam and Eyesight Test** which allows the participant to perform safely the relevant duties on a yacht, including being able to see and distinguish lights and signals of other vessels and navigational marks in typical weather conditions without risk to him/herself, other crew members so guaranteeing safe operation of the vessel
6. **STCW95 Modules** must be completed by a MCA recognised training institution.

VHF Radio License must be issued by a recognised authority.

** Candidates may sit the shore-based course prior to having all the above requirements.*

** Verification of the above yachting experience **must be an original document and signed** by the Captain of the yacht in which the candidate was sailing. Candidates claiming sea time during times when they were acting as Captain may sign their own entries but owner's verification will be required.*

How to apply for enrollment?

Candidates are selected based on their yachting experience and nautical knowledge. Selection is at the discretion of the evaluation committee. Classes require detailed schedule coordination and planning, so it is recommended that application information are submitted timeously. *(Acceptance onto the course does not automatically guarantee obtaining a Yachtmaster Offshore certificate. All the prerequisites must be fulfilled and satisfactory standards achieved in all the modules).*

What do I receive at the end of the entire course?

Those completing the Yachtmaster program will receive the following:

1. The Yachtmaster Offshore Course Completion Certificate
2. Restricted Marine VHF Radio Licence
3. Basic Sea Survival Certificate (STCW 95)
4. Fire Fighting Certificate (STCW 95)
5. First Aid Certificate (STCW 95)
6. Personal Safety and Social Responsibility certificate (STCW 95)
7. MCA Recognised Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competency
8. Medical and Eyesight certificate.

Courses are generally conducted monthly but more frequently on demand in high season.