

## EXAM REQUIREMENT AND FEES

### Yachtmaster Coastal

The Yachtmaster Coastal has the knowledge needed to skipper a yacht on coastal cruises but does not necessarily have the experience needed to undertake longer passages.

The exam will include an assessment of your skippering skills, boat handling, general seamanship, navigation, safety awareness and knowledge of the IRPCS (collision regulations), meteorology and signals. Candidates will be set tasks to demonstrate their ability and may also be asked questions on any part of the syllabus for all practical and shorebased courses up to Yachtmaster Coastal level.

Yachtmaster Coastal exam pre-requisites:

- 30 days seetime, 2 days as skipper, 800nm, 12 night hours (if you hold the RYA Coastal Skipper practical certificate this is reduced to 20 days, 2 days as skipper, 400nm, 12 night hours). Half of the qualifying mileage must have been conducted in tidal waters. All of the qualifying seetime must have been within 10 years of the exam.
- You must also hold a restricted VHF Radio Operators Licence and also a valid First Aid Certificate
- Minimum Exam Duration 6-10 hours for one candidate, 8-14 for two candidates.
- Minimum Age 17 years

### Yachtmaster Offshore

The Yachtmaster Offshore is competent to skipper a cruising yacht on any passage during which the yacht is no more than 150 miles from harbour.

The exam will include an assessment of your skippering skills, boat handling, general seamanship, navigation, safety awareness and knowledge of the IRPCS, meteorology and signals. Candidates will be set tasks to demonstrate their ability and may also be asked questions on any part of the syllabus for all practical and shorebased courses.

Yachtmaster Offshore exam pre-requisites:

- 50 days seetime, 5 days experience as skipper, 2,500nm including at least 5 passages over 60 miles along the rhumb line from the port of departure to the destination, acting as skipper for at least 2 of these passages and including two which must have involved overnight passages . Half of the qualifying mileage must have been conducted in tidal waters. All of the qualifying seetime must have been within 10 years of the exam.
- You must also hold a restricted VHF Radio Operators Licence and also a valid First Aid Certificate
- Minimum Exam Duration 8-12 hours for one candidate, 10-18 for two candidates. No more than 2 candidates can be examined in 24 hours and no more than 4 in one 2 day session.
- Minimum Age 18 years

All candidates are required to hold a first aid certificate.

Certificates accepted by the RYA can be found here: [Acceptable Certificates](#)

Certificates NOT accepted by the RYA can be found here: [Unacceptable Certificates](#)

## Yachtmaster Ocean Exam

A person holding a Yachtmaster Ocean qualification is experienced and competent to skipper a yacht on passages of any length in all parts of the world.

The Yachtmaster Ocean exam is an oral and written test of your knowledge of ocean passage making including planning, navigation, worldwide meteorology, crew management, yacht preparation, maintenance and repairs. You will also be questioned on your sights taken at sea during an ocean passage. The written test is not required if you hold the Yachtmaster Ocean shorebased certificate.

In order to take this exam you must first hold the Yachtmaster Offshore licence. Your ocean passage must be as skipper or mate of watch and you must be fully involved in the planning, navigation etc.

During the passage a minimum non-stop distance of 600nm must have been run by the log, the ship must have been at sea continuously for at least 96 hours and it must have been at least 50 miles from land whilst sailing a distance of at least 200nm

Before you book any of the above exams please check that you have read and comply with the pre-requisites.

**Exam Fees** (these are subject to change please contact us for confirmation):

The Yachtmaster assessment is undertaken by an independent examiner appointed by the RYA.

- Yachtmaster Coastal £177
- Yachtmaster Offshore £205
- Yachtmaster Ocean £155