

Pre course experience

RYA Courses

Post course achievement

Pre course experience

Certificates of Competence

Post course achievement

None

Start Yachting
2 Days

Start Yachting
Course Completion Certificate

Candidates must be aged 17 or over and require

- Radio Operators Licence
- First Aid Certificate
- 800 miles logged within 10 years prior to examination
- 30 days living onboard
- 2 days as skipper
- 12 night hours

Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competence

RYA / MCA Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competence

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

None

Competent Crew
5 Days
2 + 3 Days
3 x 2 Days

Competent Crew
Course Completion Certificate

Useful crew member

For holders of the Coastal Skipper Practical Course Completion Certificate, the sea time requirement is reduced to

- 400 miles
- 20 days living onboard
- 12 night hours
- 2 days as skipper

6 - 14 hrs depending on number of candidates

Navigation to Day Skipper shorebased standard & Basic sailing ability

- 5 Days at sea
- 100 miles
- 4 night hours

Day Skipper
5 Days
2 + 3 Days
3 x 2 Days

Day Skipper
Course Completion Certificate

Half the qualifying sea time must have been conducted in tidal waters

Candidates must be aged 18 or over and require

- Radio Operators Licence
- First Aid Certificate
- 2,500 miles logged
- 50 days living onboard
- 5 passages over 60 miles acting as skipper for at least 2 of these and 2 which have involved overnight passages
- 5 days experience as skipper

Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence

RYA / MCA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence

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.

Navigation to Coastal Skipper shorebased standard & Day Skipper sailing ability

- 15 Days at sea
- 300 miles
- 8 night hours

Coastal Skipper
5 Days

Coastal Skipper
Course Completion Certificate

Half the qualifying sea time must have been conducted in tidal waters

All candidates must

- Hold an RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence.
- Have completed, as skipper or mate of a yacht, a qualifying passage which meets the following criteria
Minimum of 600 miles, the yacht must have been continuously at sea for at least 96 hours and the yacht must have been more than 50 miles from land while sailing a distance of 200 miles

Yachtmaster Ocean Certificate of Competence
Oral & Written Exam

RYA / MCA Yachtmaster Ocean Certificate of Competence

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

- 30 Days at sea
- 2 as Skipper
- 800 miles
- 12 night hours

Yachtmaster Coastal Prep
5 Days

Leads to RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competence

- 50 Days at sea
- 5 as Skipper
- 2500 miles
- 5 passages over 60 miles, 2 as skipper, 2 over night

Yachtmaster Offshore Prep
5 Days

Leads to RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence