



Course Information: Yachtmaster Coastal MCA Preparation and Exam



The **RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competence** examinations can be taken in either sail or motor yachts, and in tidal or non-tidal waters. Due to our location all our exams are tidal, and your certificate will be endorsed accordingly.

The preparation runs for the first part of the week and helps you to fine tune the skills that you already have acquired.

The exam takes about 6 to 10 hours for one client. It is often run in parallel with other candidates and would take 8 to 14 hours.

When we hold exams we ensure that your crew are of an equivalent standard to your self. Our main aim is to ensure that you look good, thus (unlike some other schools) we don't use the week as a training ground for Competent Crew to make up the numbers! All our preparation is overseen by our Principle Andy Williams, himself an RYA/MCA Examiner for Powerboat, Sail and Motor Cruising.

You will be set tasks to demonstrate your ability as a Yachtmaster and may also be asked questions on any part of the syllabus for all practical and shorebased courses up to that standard.

To take the examination you must:

- be aged 17 or over;
- hold a VHF (SRC) licence;
- hold a current First Aid certificate;
- have completed 800 nm (at least 50% in tidal waters)
- have completed 30 days seetime
- have been skipper for 2 days, and completed 12 night hours

If you have completed your RYA Coastal Skipper Practical course then the seetime is reduced to 20 days and 400 nm.