



Course Information: Yachtmaster Offshore MCA Preparation and Exam



The **RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore 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.

You can commercially endorse a **Yachtmaster Offshore MCA** certificate in order to work on board a commercial craft up to 24m in length subject the MCA's codes of practice - that is up to 60 miles from a nominated departure point.

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 8 to 12 hours for one client. It is often run in parallel with other candidates and would take 10 to 18 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 5 passages of over 60nm (at least 2 as skipper);
- have completed 2500 nm (at least 50% in tidal waters)

If you are commercially endorsing your certificate you will also need the Sea Survival and a medical (ML5).