



THE YACHTMASTER COASTAL TRAINING COURSE

Overview

When it comes to facing the elements at sea, textbook knowledge is no substitute for practical experience. 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. 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.

What is the Yachtmaster Certificate?

The Yachtmaster Certificate is the most internationally recognized qualification for yachting. The Yachtmaster Coastal certification is designed to provide the highest standard of maritime education for the professional and recreational yachtsman and woman. It is a course designed for those who have a basic knowledge and understanding of yachting with minimum on the water experience.

What are the advantages of holding a Yachtmaster Certificate?

- Yachtmaster qualifications are recognized by marine insurance companies worldwide.
- Yachtmasters achieve a highly increased level of confidence in their ability to handle a yacht due to our intensive level of on the water training.
- Yachtmaster Certificates are accepted by yacht charter companies on a worldwide basis.

What Does The Course Consist Of?

A comprehensive live aboard course consisting of 6 days for sail or 5 days for power, incorporating subjects including navigational charts and publications, dead reckoning and estimated position, position fixing, tides, tidal levels and data, pilotage, safety at sea, meteorology and much more. Because the Yachtmaster Coastal Course is conducted onboard a yacht it covers such practical seamanship skills as ropework, anchorwork, boat handling, docking, yacht presentation, navigation, passage planning and more.

What Is Required For The Yachtmaster Coastal Exam?

- The course must be completed before applying for the exam.
- Minimum sea time requirements must also have been met before examination.

What Does The Exam Consist Of?

The exam will be conducted by a Yachtmaster examiner and takes the form of an oral and practical test onboard a yacht. Candidates must demonstrate that they have sufficient ability to handle, dock, and anchor the boat with a required level of confidence. Candidates can expect to be examined on any subject contained within the syllabus and to be questioned on any of their yachting experience to date.

In the event that the examiner considers an examinee not to have achieved the required standards, a Yachtmaster certificate ***will not be issued***. In this case, a confidential report will be sent to the candidate outlining the reason or reasons for failure and suggesting remedial action that could lead to the successful completion of the course. ***Completion of the Yachtmaster course is not a guarantee of passing the examination and receiving your certificate.***

What Are The Minimum Entry Requirements To Apply For The Yachtmaster Coastal Course?

- In order to participate in this course, candidates should have logged 30 days and 800 miles including 2 days as watch leader/captain and 12 hours on watch at night.
- Candidates may sit the course prior to obtaining the minimum sea time. However, they will not be issued their Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate until all the requirements have been met.
- Verification of yachting experience must be signed by the captain of the yacht on which the candidate was sailing. Candidates claiming sea time during times when they were acting as captain may sign their own entries.
- Candidates are required to hold a valid first aid certificate from a recognised teaching authority.
- A V.H.F radio operator's certificate/marine radio certificate from a recognised authority.

How To Apply For Enrollment?

Candidates may apply to our Ft. Lauderdale office and on our web site www.yachtmaster.com for a detailed application form.

Courses require detailed schedule co-ordination and planning so it is recommended that applications be submitted in a timely manner.