



Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Certificates of Competency: Yacht Deck Officers - change to training modules

Notice to all yacht training providers and candidates for yacht deck examinations.

This note should be read with MSN 1802 and the yacht deck written examination syllabuses published on the MCA website.

This MIN expires 30 June 2011.

PLEASE NOTE:-

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

Summary

From 01 September 2008 the structure of some training modules will be updated for:

- Officer of the Watch (**OOW**) (Yachts less than 3000gt) certificate of competency (**CoC**) and
- Master (Yachts less than 500gt) CoC.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Navigation and Radar (OOW Yachts) training module is too short to cover the subject satisfactorily. The module will be extended to:

- two weeks of navigation and chartwork, plus
- one week of electronic navigation systems (**ENS**) and simulator preparation.

1.2 The new three week module should be run in one block. However, if operational requirements necessitate it may be run in two blocks (but no more). If run as two blocks the maximum time interval between will be no more than three months.

Note: All yacht training modules remain valid for a period of three years from date of successful completion.

2. Officer of the Watch (Yachts less than 3000gt)

2.1 Navigation & Radar (OOW Yachts)

The following changes will be made:

- This module will be extended from 10 days to 15 days to include a five day watchkeeping and radar simulation section.
- Theory will be covered in the first 10 days concluding with a written examination on the underpinning knowledge (**UPK**). This will include the theory (including errors and limitations) of automatic radar plotting aids (**ARPA**). The examination will consist of a two and a half hour paper in two parts:

Part A

To cover chartwork, secondary port tides and a radar plot.

Part B

Three questions covering the remainder of the syllabus.

A mark of 60% in each part is required to pass the examination. On successful completion a NARAS (Yacht) Theory Pass certificate will be issued.

If unsuccessful a letter identifying the paper taken will be issued. This letter must be produced to the examination centre prior to a resit.

- The five day simulation section will include nine hours practical navigation. On completion of the five day simulation AND with the NARAS (Yacht) Theory Pass certificate a NARAS (Yacht) certificate will be issued.
- A NARAS (Yacht) certificate of attendance and an examination pass certificate issued by a Nominated College will be required for presentation to the MCA for issue of an OOW (Yachts less than 3000gt) CoC.

Note: To be eligible to take this module candidates must hold a Yachtmaster Offshore certificate, together with the corresponding shore-based certificate unless the Yachtmaster Offshore certificate was issued before 31 July 2003.

2.2 General Ship Knowledge (GSK) OOW (Yachts)

The existing stability section will be reduced and the calculations section transferred to the Stability (Master Yachts) syllabus. This will allow more time to cover the other topics.

3. Masters

3.1 Stability (Master Yachts)

The syllabus will cover the basic calculation previously included in OOW GSK.

3.2 Navigation, Radar & ARPA Simulator (NARAS) (Master Yachts)

There will be a transitional period for those who have completed Navigation & Radar (OOW Yachts) before September 2008.

4. Transitional Period

The following transitional arrangements will apply:

- Candidates who have completed the revised Navigation & Radar (OOW Yachts) module will not need a further radar simulator certificate.
- Candidates of the old OOW radar module who take NARAS (Master Yachts) after 01 September 2010 must complete an additional three day radar simulator course before taking the MCA oral examination for a Master (Yachts) CoC.

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