

Yachtmaster Offshore Preparation and Examination

Dear Candidate,

Please read these notes carefully before taking your exam - they are provided to help you prepare and to ensure that you have the necessary sea-time, qualifications & documentation.

You are not eligible to take the exam if you do not bring with you:

- **a valid first aid certificate**
- **VHF radio certificate (SRC)**
- **the necessary sea time & skippered passages evidenced clearly in Log Books**

The examiner will be testing your knowledge, skills and experience built up over your time sailing. They can ask anything and are entitled to test anything from the knowledge and skills gained in all the RYA courses leading to Yachtmaster. You will be expected to be 'at the top of your game'.

Particularly if you are coming to the exam from training and experience outside of the RYA scheme, it is your absolute responsibility to be familiar with the syllabus and content that will be examined.

It is essential that you have read and understood the 'Yachtmaster Scheme Syllabus and Logbook' G158. The sections 'RYA Yachtmaster Exam Preparation' and 'RYA / MCA Examinations and Certificates of Competence' details all the pre-requisites and even provides details of the RYA Yachtmaster Coastal and RYA Yachtmaster Offshore Exam Syllabus.

The Second Star Sailing team will be happy to discuss and explain aspects of the content, but it is your responsibility to be aware of the Pre-Exam Requirements and ensure that you come to the Prep Course / Exam with everything you require in terms of knowledge, experience and evidence of qualifications and passages.

'Yachtmaster Scheme Syllabus and Logbook' G158 are only available in print but can be [ordered here](#) This Publication can also be found in chandleries, bookstores and elsewhere online.

Bluntly, you cannot be serious about taking and passing this exam if you have not first read and understood this publication.

Booking

Before you book your exam, please check that you:

1. Have completed the required mileage and experience as skipper. Be honest with yourself!
2. Hold a VHF Radio Operators License or Short-Range Certificate.
3. Hold a valid first aid certificate.
4. Have read the 'Yachtmaster Scheme Syllabus and Logbook' G158
5. Have read and comply with the pre-requisites detailed in 'Yachtmaster Scheme Syllabus and Logbook' G158.

Payment of exam fee

The exam fee is payable by the candidate to the RYA. Examiners must ensure that the exam report is accompanied by the appropriate fee. Examiners may not accept any payment from candidates for expenses incurred in connection with an exam.

A last word....

Be honest with yourself regarding your experience on small yachts & the amount of skippering you have done. Read the exam requirements. The prep week is only meant to assist you to brush up your skills before the exam.

You may have thousands upon thousands of miles as a deckhand on a super yacht, but if you have only messed about on small yachts during your prep week prior to the exam & little else, then this will become immediately obvious to the examiner very soon after you take charge of the yacht.

Common failures include a lack of pilotage skills especially at night, poor chart work, poor close quarters sailing skills & incompetent berthing/unberthing.

Please ensure that before the examiner arrives on board you have ready a fully completed application form with a photo attached, & your logbooks if you have them. This will save a lot of time. The exam will not start until this has been done.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the requirements or require further information.

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SECOND STAR SAILING

RYA Yachtmaster Pre-requisite experience

Please note that this is to help us understand your background and plan a program for you

Name			
Date of course		Exam Date	

Courses and licenses:

VHF/SRC Radio license or higher	
STCW, RYA, or accepted First Aid Certificate	
Yachtmaster Shorebased Theory Certificate	

Other Licenses	
Exp. Date	
Date	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yachtmaster Coastal Candidate
<input type="checkbox"/>	30 Days at Sea
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Days as Skipper
<input type="checkbox"/>	800 Miles, of which 400 in Tidal areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	12 Night hours

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yachtmaster Offshore Candidate
<input type="checkbox"/>	50 Days at Sea
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Days as Skipper
<input type="checkbox"/>	2500 NM of which 1250 Tidal miles
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Passages over 60 Miles including
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 as Skipper and 2 Overnight

<input type="checkbox"/>	Holders of RYA Coastal Skipper Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	20 Days at Sea
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Days as Skipper
<input type="checkbox"/>	400 Miles of which 200 in Tidal areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	12 Night hours

Other information you would like us to know:

Details of your experience within the last 10 years: vessel type, year, mileage etc.

Completed Passages over 60 NM:

	From/To	Days	Mileage	Vessel/Size	Notes & Skipper/Mate/Crew
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Signed

Date