

# Yachtmaster™ Coastal

*The Yachtmaster™ Coastal has the knowledge needed to skipper a yacht on coastal cruises but does not necessarily have the experience needed to undertake longer passages.*

Full details of the exam syllabus and requirements are shown in the RYA Yachtmaster Scheme and Logbook (G158) available from the RYA webshop (see right).

Yachtmaster™ Coastal practical exams can be taken under sail or power and your certificate will be endorsed accordingly. The candidate or a training centre provides the boat and the RYA provides an examiner.

The exam will include an assessment of your skippering skills, boat handling, general seamanship, navigation, safety awareness and knowledge of the IRPCS (collision regulations), meteorology and signals. Candidates will be set tasks to demonstrate their ability and may also be asked questions on any part of the syllabus for all practical and shorebased courses up to Yachtmaster™ Coastal level.

YACHTMASTER™ COASTAL EXAM PRE-REQUISITES	
<b>Minimum seetime</b>	30 days, 2 days as skipper, 800 miles, 12 night hours (if you hold the Coastal Skipper course certificate this is reduced to 20 days, 2 days as skipper, 400 miles, 12 night hours). Half the qualifying sea time must be conducted in tidal waters.
<b>Form of exam</b>	Practical
<b>Certification required</b>	A GMDSS Short Range Certificate (SRC) or higher grade of marine radio certificate. A valid first aid certificate - <a href="#">click here for a list of acceptable first aid certificates</a> .
<b>Minimum exam duration</b>	6-10 hours for 1 candidate, 8-14 hours for 2 candidates
<b>Minimum age</b>	17

## Qualifying Passages

Exam	Between 7m LWL and 24m LOA (less than 80gt)	Over 24m LOA up to 500gt
RYA Yachtmaster Coastal	Yes	No
RYA Yachtmaster Offshore	Yes	No
RYA Yachtmaster Ocean	Yes	Yes

## Qualifying Seetime

Exam	Between 7m LWL and 24m LOA (less than 80gt)	Over 24 metres and Less than 200 gross tons	200 to 500 gross tons
RYA Yachtmaster Coastal	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes (Up to 50 per cent of the qualifying mileage and days)	Yes (Up to 50 per cent of the qualifying mileage and days)
RYA Yachtmaster Coastal Conversion	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes (Up to 50 per cent of the qualifying mileage and days)	Yes (Up to 50 per cent of the qualifying mileage and days)
RYA Yachtmaster Offshore	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes (Up to 50 per cent of the qualifying mileage and days)	Yes (Up to 50 per cent of the qualifying mileage and days)

Exam	Between 7m LWL and 24m LOA  (less than 80gt)	Over 24 metres and Less than 200 gross tons	200 to 500 gross tons
<b>RYA Yachtmaster Offshore Conversion</b>	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes (Up to 50 per cent of the qualifying mileage and days)	Yes (Up to 50 per cent of the qualifying mileage and days)

1 At least 50 per cent of qualifying mileage must be completed on this size of vessel

2 With supporting testimonials or a Seaman's Discharge book

The boat used must be between 7m (23ft) and 24m (78ft) LOA and be in sound, seaworthy condition, equipped to the standard set out in the RYA book Cruising Yacht Safety (code C8). The boat must be equipped with a full up to date set of charts and navigational publications and be efficiently crewed, as the examiner will not take part in the management of the boat during the exam.

Before you book your exam please check that you:

1. can provide a boat
2. have completed the required mileage and experience as skipper
3. hold an SRC (Short Range Certificat) or higher level GMDSS radio operators qualification
4. hold a valid first aid certificate **click here for a list of acceptable first aid certificates** have read the syllabus in RYA publications; G15 (sail) or G18 (power)
5. have read and comply with the pre-requisites above.

If you need a Yachtmaster™ Coastal Certificate of Competence in order to work on board a commercial craft subject the MCA's codes of practice, you will need to get it commercially endorsed - see left. You can then work on commercial vessels up to 24m in length, operating in category 3, 4, 5 and 6 waters - that is up to 20 miles from a safe haven.

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