



# Yachtmaster Coastal and Yachtmaster Offshore MCA Preparation



Thank you for booking with us to do a week's preparation for your MCA exams. You will join your yacht on the Friday evening and then spend the week practicing your skills before the RYA/MCA Examiner gets on board on the Wednesday lunchtime.

During the week you will also be asked to prepare a passage plan for the Examiner which we will set for you i.e. River Yelm to St Peter's Port, Guernsey. All materials will be provided for this.

The MCA exam will commence with the Examiner having a chat with you and going through your paperwork. Please can you therefore bring with you:

- ⇒ Passport sized photograph.
- ⇒ Credit card to pay for the MCA examination fee of £149 (Yachtmaster Coastal) or £170 (Yachtmaster Offshore) if you decide to take the examination. Please note that all other examiners costs are included with your course fee.
- ⇒ Log book.
- ⇒ A restricted (VHF only) Radio Operator's Certificate or a GMDSS Short Range Certificate or higher grade of marine radio certificate.
- ⇒ A valid first aid certificate. First aid qualifications held by Police, Fire and Armed Services are also acceptable.

Please note that the RYA requires you to have the following seetime prior to taking the MCA exam:

**Yachtmaster Coastal MCA** - 800 miles logged within 10 years prior to examination, 30 days living on board, 2 days as skipper and 12 night hours. For holders of the Coastal Skipper Practical Course Completion Certificate the seetime requirement is reduced to 400 miles, 20 days living on board, 12 night hours, 2 days as skipper.

**Yachtmaster Offshore MCA** - 50 days, 2,500 miles including at least 5 passages over 60 miles measured along the rhumb line from the port of departure to the destination, acting as skipper for at least two of these passages and including two which have involved overnight passages. 5 days experience as skipper. At least half this mileage and passages must be in tidal waters. Please see the 'definition of passage' link above.

If you have not a current first aid certificate or have not yet completed the VHF course these can be arranged during your stay with us.

Commercial Endorsement – If you are interested in getting a commercial endorsement you need a MCA medical certificate and also your Sea Survival certificate. Please contact us for more details.

If you have any questions on the above, or anything else please get in touch: [info@clubsail.com](mailto:info@clubsail.com) or on: (+44) 208 133 7228 / (+34) 676 496 091 / (+34) 922 783 770