

YACHT RATING CERTIFICATES FOR SERVICE ON COMMERCIALY AND PRIVATELY OPERATED YACHTS AND SAIL TRAINING VESSELS

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Eligibility Requirements

To qualify as a Yacht Rating a candidate must:

- Be at least 16 years of age;
- Demonstrate at least 6 months yacht service including 2 months sea service, all of which must be on vessels 15 metres and over in load line length;
- Complete the four elements of approved STCW basic training:
 - *Personal Survival Techniques (STCW Code Ref A-VI/1-1), or RYA Basic Sea Survival;*
 - *Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (STCW Code Ref A-VI/1-2);*
 - *Elementary First Aid (STCW Code Ref A-VI/1-3);*
 - *Personal Safety & Social Responsibility (STCW Code Ref AVI/ 1-4);*
- Complete the Yacht Rating Training Record Book.

Holders of the following certificates recognised by the MCA will not need to complete the Yacht Rating Training Record Book and the 6 months yacht service requirement may be reduced to 2 months sea service on vessels 15 metres and over in load line length. Holders will, however, need to meet the other requirements detailed above and apply for an MCA Yacht Rating Certificate:

- Watchleader Certificate together with a Competent Crew Certificate; or
- Day Skipper Certificate together with a Competent Crew Certificate; or
- Yacht Rating Course Completion Certificate

Medical Standards

All candidates must hold a valid medical fitness certificate. The standard UK medical fitness certificate for those who work at sea is the ENG1. Which is valid for a maximum of 2 years.

For those who work on a vessel operating under MCA Codes of Practice and no more than 60 miles to sea, the ML5 certificate is also acceptable as evidence of medical fitness.

Guide to completing the Yacht Rating Training Record Book

Sections 1 to 6 detail the various tasks and knowledge that a candidate must demonstrate to show the level of competency required. Each area should be signed off, by the Master, when they are satisfy that the competency has been demonstrated.

Sections 7 and 8 should be completed with details of the STCW basic training and yacht service / sea service respectively.

Section 9 The qualifications of the Master together with a specimen signature should be entered.

Section 10. The training period may be spread across a number of vessels. However, it remains the responsibility of the Master of the final vessel to establish that the required standard of competency has been met.

Applications for a Yacht Rating Certificate

An application should be made on form MSF 4340 which is available for download from the Agency website, from Marine Offices www.mcga.gov.uk

All applicants must send:

- The completed application form;
- Birth certificate or passport;
- Evidence of service;
- Sea Service Testimonials;
- Valid Medical Fitness Certificate (ENG1) or equivalent or ML5 if applicable;
- STCW basic training certificates;
- The appropriate fee.

Applicants with no exemption must also send the completed Yacht Training Record Book (or the relevant part of the Officer of the Watch (Yacht) Record Training Book). They should ensure that they have at least 6 months yacht service, including 2 months sea service, all on vessels of 15 metres 4 and over in load line length with the supporting evidence / testimonials.

Applicants with exemption from completing the Yacht Training Record Book, and the reduction from 6 months yacht service to 2 months sea service, must send one of the certificates detailed at paragraph 3.2. They should also ensure that they have 2 months sea service on vessels 15 metres and over in loadline length with the supporting evidence / testimonials.

Evidence of service should be in the form of logbook or discharge book entries supported by testimonials from the Master. A specimen testimonial is below.

PYA | Yacht Rating Certificate:

- ✓ The Yacht Rating Certificate is part of the GUEST program.
- ✓ Within the GUEST Training Record Book, we have the Yacht Rating section for completion.
- ✓ PYA can issue Yacht Rating Certificates on behalf of MCA.
- ✓ The Yacht Rating Certificate application fee for members is €40 and non-members €80.
- ✓ The Yacht Rating Certificate is extremely useful for those working on commercial yachts as it may help satisfy the ship's Safe Manning Document.

This service is available to all crew. All applications are treated as a matter of priority for members.



