

Pre-exam Requirements

RYA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence

To be eligible to take the Practical examination, candidates must be aged 18 or over and require:

- Theory knowledge of Yachtmaster shorebased standard
- A Radio Operator's Qualification – A GMDSS Short Range Certificate (SRC) or higher grade of marine radio certificate
- A valid first aid certificate
- Seatime – 50 days, 2,500 miles, including at least 5 passages over 60 miles, acting as skipper for at least two of these passages and including two which have involved overnight passages. Five days' experience as skipper. At least half the qualifying seatime must have been accrued in tidal waters

Qualifying passages for RYA Yachtmaster Ocean and Offshore must be non-stop, by the shortest navigable route with no change of skipper. Passages such as recognised races which may not comply exactly with these requirements may be submitted to the RYA for approval before the voyage.