



TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF CREW ENGAGED ON YACHTS AND WORKBOATS (INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES)

Merchant Shipping Notice 165

Notice to all concerned

The Directorate draws the attention of all concerned to new training programmes developed in conjunction with the industry, that may be provided by [accredited training centres](#) that lead to various non-STCW certificates intended to be used on yachts and workboats.

The Directorate has developed five model courses to assist accredited training centres in developing their own training programmes leading to non-STCW certificates. The following are the model courses developed and adopted by the Directorate:

- 1) [Recreational Skipper – Mediterranean Sea – Model Course 1.00 – 2019 Edition;](#)
- 2) [Master on Yachts Less Than 200 GT and Limited up to 60 Nm from Safe Haven \(Non-Tidal Waters\) – Model Course 1.01 – 2019 Edition;](#)
- 3) [Master on Yachts Less Than 200 GT and Limited up to 150 Nm from Safe Haven – Model Course 1.02 – 2019 Edition;](#)
- 4) [Master on Yachts Less Than 200 GT Unlimited – Model Course 1.03 – 2019 Edition;](#)
[and](#)
- 5) [Workboat Module \(Less Than 200 GT, Carrying 12 Passengers or Less\) – Model Course 1.04 – 2020 Edition.](#)

Following successful completion of the above-mentioned courses, the Directorate may issue the following non-STCW certificates:

Recreational Skipper

Holders of this certificate will be competent to skipper a pleasure yacht less than twenty-four (24) metres in length overall and up to thirty-five (35) nautical miles from safe haven within the Mediterranean Sea, without any restriction on engine/s horsepower.

As a minimum, applicants for the certificate must meet the requirements listed below to be eligible for a Recreational Skipper certificate:

- Be not less than eighteen (18) years of age;
- Be in possession of a Maltese nautical certificate or an international recognised equivalent, for a minimum period of twelve (12) months;
- Have a valid VHF- Short Range Certificate or a valid GMDSS ROC/GOC; and
- A relative fee of €50 for a new certificate or €25 for a revalidated certificate. An additional administrative fee of €25 applies (including courier mailing) when certificate is not collected from our office.

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The certificate is valid for ten (10) years from the date of issue and shall be re-validated subject to successfully completing an approved refresher training programme and submitting a complete [application form](#).



Master on Yachts Less Than Two Hundred (200) Gross Tonnage

- **Limited up to sixty (60) nautical miles from safe haven (non-tidal waters)**

Holders of this certificate will be competent to skipper a yacht of less than two hundred (200) gross tonnage and limited up to sixty (60) nautical miles from safe haven in non-tidal waters.

As a minimum, trainees must meet the requirements listed below to be eligible for this certificate:

- Be not less than eighteen (18) years of age;
- Have a valid medical fitness certificate including an eyesight test (IMO/ILO);
- Have a valid VHF-Short Range Certificate or a valid GMDSS ROC/GOC;
- Have a valid Basic Safety Training certificate as per Regulation VI/1 of the STCW Convention, as amended;
- Have documentary evidence of eight hundred (800) nautical miles logged approved seagoing service, thirty (30) hours of which must be carried out during night-time. All seagoing service must be relevant to the position applied for;
- Have a valid and an officially recognised certificate to skipper a vessel; and
- A relative fee of €60 for a new certificate or €30 for a revalidated certificate. An additional administrative fee of €25 applies (including courier mailing) when certificate is not collected from our office.

The certificate is valid for five (5) years from the date of issue of the completion certificate/letter. Documentary evidence of having logged eight hundred (800) nautical miles approved seagoing service, thirty (30) hours of which carried out during night-time in the previous five (5) years prior to submitting a complete [application form](#) are required for re-validation of a certificate.



- **Limited up to one hundred-fifty (150) nautical miles from safe haven**

Holders of this certificate will be competent to skipper a yacht of less than two hundred (200) gross tonnage and limited up to one hundred-fifty (150) nautical miles from safe haven.

As a minimum, trainees must meet the requirements listed below to be eligible for this certificate:

- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- Have a valid medical fitness certificate including an eyesight test (IMO/ILO);
- Have a valid VHF-Short Range Certificate or a valid GMDSS ROC/GOC;
- Have a valid Basic Safety Training certificate as per Regulation VI/1 of the STCW Convention, as amended;
- Have documentary evidence of two thousand five hundred (2500) nautical miles logged approved seagoing service, one hundred (100) hours of which must be carried out during night-time. All seagoing service must be relevant to the position applied for;
- Have held an officially recognised certificate to skipper a vessel for at least two years; and
- A relative fee of €70 for a new certificate or €35 for a revalidated certificate. An additional administrative fee of €25 applies (including courier mailing) when certificate is not collected from our office.

This certificate is valid for five (5) years from the date of issue of the completion certificate/letter.

Documentary evidence of having logged two thousand five hundred (2500) nautical miles approved seagoing service, one hundred (100) hours of which carried out during night-time in the previous five (5) years prior to submitting a complete [application form](#) are required for re-validation of a certificate.

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- **Unlimited**

Holders of this certificate will be competent to skipper a yacht of less than two hundred (200) gross tonnage on unlimited voyages.

As a minimum, trainees must meet the requirements listed below to be eligible for this certificate:

- Be not less than eighteen (18) years of age;
- Have a valid medical fitness certificate including an eyesight test (IMO/ILO);
- Have a valid GMDSS GOC; Have a valid Basic Safety Training certificate as per Regulation VI/1 of the STCW Convention, as amended;
- Have a valid and a recognised Master of Yachts certificate limited up to one hundred fifty (150) nautical miles from safe haven;
- Have documentary evidence of two thousand five hundred (2500) nautical miles logged approved seagoing service, one hundred (100) hours of which must be carried out during night-time. Seagoing service must be accumulated while certified as a Master of Yachts up to 150 nautical miles from safe haven. All seagoing service must be relevant to the position applied for; and
- A relative fee of €80 for a new certificate or €40 for a revalidated certificate. An additional administrative fee of €25 applies (including courier mailing) when certificate is not collected from our office.

The certificate is valid for five (5) years from the date of issue of the completion certificate/letter. Documentary evidence of having logged two thousand five hundred (2500) nautical miles approved seagoing service, one hundred (100) hours of which carried out during night-time in the previous five (5) years prior to submitting a complete [application form](#) are required for revalidation of a certificate.

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• **Workboat Module**

The Master on Yachts certificates listed above may be topped up by a workboat module which would give trainees the essential education and training to skipper a workboat of less than two hundred (200) gross tonnage, carrying less than twelve (12) passengers and any other operational limitations.

As a minimum, trainees must meet the requirement listed below to be eligible for this certificate:

- Have successfully completed a course, which is approved by the Merchant Shipping Directorate of the Authority for Transport in Malta, leading to the issuance of a Master on Yachts of less than two hundred (200) gross tonnage certificate.



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Yachting Record Book

The Directorate has issued a Yachting Record Book. The record book is available to all yachting persons who are sailing or shall be sailing on board pleasure yachts registered under the Merchant Shipping Act.

Applications for a Yachting Record Book shall be submitted to the Merchant Shipping Directorate. [Application forms](#) shall be accompanied by the following documents:

- Colour photograph of seafarer
- Passport or identity card showing personal details of seafarer supporting data entered in the application process
- Any supporting qualifications to be included in the record book
- A relative fee of €60 for a new record book. An additional administrative fee of €25 applies (including courier mailing) when certificate is not collected from our office.

The record book is valid for ten (10) years from the date of issue.

Additional Information

Original certificates should always be readily available on board as evidence of competence.

All enquiries related to the application of these certificates, should be addressed to the Seafarer Department within the Merchant Shipping Directorate on stcw.tm@transport.gov.mt.

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