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This entry level Deckhand program is a great introduction to working as a deckhand on a yacht. This will include a basic overall introduction to working on superyachts such as day to day expectations, tips on writing your resume, general terminology, and a general understanding of how a yacht operates. This includes certification on how to use the VHF radio for emergencies, how to drive a Powerboat for short distances i.e. from the yacht to shore and the ability to use a Jetski. To work on a vessel it is also a requirement for everyone to have the Maritime Safety Training certificates.



WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

This package would be ideal for someone who would like to spend time on deck and outside.

In other words, if you love water sports and working outside this is definitely for you. It is also an ideal choice for broadening your career opportunities.

WHAT THIS COURSE COVERS

RYA
PWC
(Jetski)

RYA
Poweboat
Level 2

Superyacht
Deckhand
Course

SAMSA
VHF
Radio

Manilla
Compliant'10
STCW + DSD
Basic Safety
Training

MCA
Yacht
Rating

SUGGESTED ADD-ONS:

PADI
Advanced
Open Water
Diver

AEC 1

Tender
Operations

RYA Competent Crew
Practical (5 days)

***You are welcome to
swap out the MCA Yacht
Rating for this at an extra
fee of R3 700

RYA PWI
Jetski
Instructor

RYA
Radar

RYA Diesel
Engine
Maintenance
(basic
knowledge)

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MORE INFORMATION

STCW + DSD

STCW + DSD is a vital convention that standardised the training, certification, and working conditions of seafarers worldwide to improve maritime safety and ensure that those working at sea are properly prepared for their duties.

STCW stands for the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers. It is a key international maritime treaty established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which sets standards for the training, certification, and watchkeeping of seafarers to ensure that they have the necessary skills and competence to work safely and effectively on ships.

This is required by anyone working on a commercial vessel, including officers, engineers, ratings, and other crew members. To ensure their vessels are compliant with international maritime standards and that their crew is properly trained. Key Aspects include Training Standards, Certification, Watchkeeping, Safety and Emergency Procedures, Medical Fitness and Seafarers' Rights.

DURATION

11 days

STCW + DSD

COURSE CONTENT

- Personal Safety & Social Responsibility (PSSR)
- Elementary First Aid (EFA)
- Personal Survival Techniques (PST)
- Marine Fire Fighting (MFF)
- Designated Security Duties (DSD)



DECKHAND COURSE

This Deckhand course gets you exposed to the detail-oriented nature of the industry while being guided by a highly qualified and Experienced crew.

Duties

- **Vessel Maintenance:** Cleaning, polishing, and washing the exterior of the yacht.
- **Line Handling:** Assisting with mooring, docking, and anchoring operations.
- **Water Sports Setup:** Preparing and managing jet skis, tenders, and other equipment.
- **Safety Operations:** Conducting safety drills, maintaining safety equipment, and watchkeeping.
- **General Repairs:** Basic maintenance tasks like painting, varnishing, and minor fixes.
- **Guest Assistance:** Providing support during water activities and excursions.
- **Inventory Management:** Tracking and restocking deck supplies and equipment.
- **Team Collaboration:** Supporting crew members with daily tasks and special events.



DURATION

4 days

DECKHAND COURSE

COURSE CONTENT

- How, when and where to look for work / Interview skills
- Visas, Passports & CV's
- Rope work
- Splicing
- Wash-down procedures
- Teak maintenance
- Your duties as deck crew Painting, Varnishing and Fairing, Watch keeping
- Mooring operations Anchoring procedures



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SAMSA VHF RADIO



The Marine Radio Short Range Certificate (SRC) is the minimum qualification required to operate marine VHF radio equipment on a UK-flagged vessel.

This includes both fixed and handheld equipment with and without Digital Selective Calling (DSC). The SAMSA Short Range Radio certificate is accepted internationally. This is an essential qualification for operating a VHF radio on board vessels, ensuring safe and efficient communication between the vessel and other ships, as well as with shore-based facilities like ports, coast guards, and emergency services. The VHF (Very High Frequency) radio is a crucial safety and navigation tool, particularly in maritime environments, where clear and immediate communication can be vital in emergencies or when coordinating vessel movements.

This is invaluable to Skippers, crew members (Deckhands and Stews), private boat owners, and maritime professionals.

Having a basic understanding of VHF radio operation is highly beneficial, especially in emergency situations.



DURATION

1 days

SAMSA VHF RADIO

COURSE CONTENT

- Routine operation of marine VHF radio including Digital Selective Calling
- The correct VHF channels (frequencies) to be used for each type of communication
- Distress, emergency and medical assistance procedures
- Ship to shore communication
- Practical use of Marine VHF DSC radios
- Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
- Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB)
- Search and Rescue Transponders (SART)



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RYA POWERBOAT LEVEL 2



This course equips individuals with the essential skills and foundational knowledge required for competent powerboat operation and serves as the foundation for the International Certificate of Competence (ICC).

The RYA Powerboat Level 2 course is widely regarded as the standard qualification for recreational power boating in the UK and internationally. It is aimed at individuals looking to operate a powerboat safely and competently.

The RYA Powerboat Level 2 certificate qualifies you to drive powerboats with an engine up to 10 meters (33 feet) in length. The course covers both planing and displacement hulls, so you're trained to operate a variety of boat types.



This licence allows you to operate a boat up to 2 miles from the shore, assuming you are within the confines of non-tidal waters (like inland lakes, rivers, or canals). For tidal waters (such as coastal waters), this can extend up to 5 miles from the shore, provided you adhere to the limitations and safety precautions outlined during your training.

DURATION

2 days

RYA POWERBOAT LEVEL 2

COURSE CONTENT

- Boat handling (including low-speed maneuvers and planing speeds)
- Man-overboard recovery
- Basic navigation (reading charts, compasses, buoys)
- Understanding collision regulations (ColRegs)
- Safe towing techniques
- Safety and emergency procedures (equipment checks, MOB, and capsize drills)
- Environmental awareness



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RYA PWC (JETSKI)

This proficiency course prepares you for riding safely and responsibly designed for first-time and experienced riders alike.

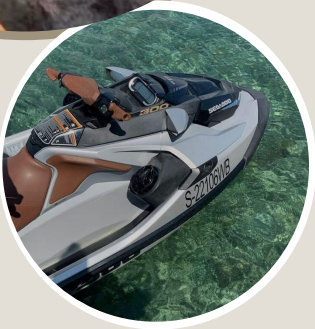
This certificate is required for launching in UK harbours and can be used to apply for the International Certificate of Competence, which is commonly required when using a personal watercraft abroad.

The RYA Personal Watercraft (PWC) Licence is a widely recognized qualification that allows you to safely operate personal watercraft, such as jetskis, wave runners, or similar small motorized craft.

The main purpose of the RYA PWC Licence is to enable you to operate a personal watercraft (PWC) safely, including jetskis, waverunners, and other similar craft.

You will learn key safety principles, such as how to perform safe starts, maneuver in tight spaces, and handle the PWC at different speeds, especially under challenging conditions. You'll also learn techniques for man-overboard recovery and safe docking.

The course covers the basics of navigating a PWC, including understanding the rules of the road (Collision Regulations), local navigation markers, and safe operating distances from shore. It also teaches you to avoid hazards such as shallow water, rocks, and other vessels.



DURATION

1 day

RYA PWC (JETSKI)

COURSE CONTENT

- Launching
- Handling and recovery skills
- Passage planning and decision making
- High and low-speed riding skills
- Essential safety information
- Collision avoidance and orientation at sea



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MCA YACHT RATING

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is the British government department responsible for regulating the maritime affairs of the UK. As such, the MCA is very important in the yachting world because the vast majority of vessels are registered under the UK flag and any mega-yacht training that is not MCA-approved should be viewed with skepticism. The Yacht Rating Course is the lowest level of MCA-approved training and is the only MCA yachting certificate that can be issued to people with no relevant experience. Prospective employers will be assured that holders of this certificate have had approved training and are prepared to invest in preparing themselves for their future careers.

This course reduces the required time to apply for an MCA Yacht Rating from 6 months to 2 months as per MSN 1862. Six months after the MCA Yacht Rating COC is issued, candidates will be able to sit in the MCA Efficient Deckhand course.

DURATION

5 days

MCA YACHT RATING

COURSE CONTENT

- Navigational Watch Duties
- Life-Saving and Fire Fighting Equipment
- Seamanship
- Code of Safe Working Practices
- Engine Watch Keeping Duties
- Pollution Prevention
- Knots, Bends, and Hitches
- Whipping and splicing
- International Safe Management Code
- Chartwork
- Rules of the Road
- Day shapes
- Lights and IALA A and B Buoyage system



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MCA YACHT RATING

ADVANTAGES OF MCA YACHT RATING CERTIFICATE:

- The certificate informs Captains that you have advanced deck skills
- You can now be included in the yachts safe manning requirement
- It shows that you are more responsible and can lead to higher salaries and also faster promotions
- It is a good introduction for students that want to do the EDH (Efficient Deckhand)

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RYA COMPETENT CREW PRACTICAL

This course is for beginners and those who would like to become active crew members. Virtually all of the course is hands-on. You are the crew - without you, the sails won't go up and the boat won't be steered. By the end of the course, you should be able to steer, handle sails, keep a lookout, row a dinghy, and assist in all day-to-day duties on board.

The RYA Competent Crew Course is an excellent starting point for anyone interested in becoming an effective member of a yacht crew, particularly for those pursuing careers as stewardesses or deckhands on superyachts.

Benefits for Stews and Deckhands

For a Stew. This enhances your overall understanding of yacht operations, improves guest service, and contributes to safety.

For a Deckhand it provides essential sailing skills, improves role efficiency, and prepares you for emergency situations.

Qualification

You will be a competent crew member, able to assist with sailing, maneuvering, and emergency procedures but not qualified to command or operate a yacht independently.

This prepares you to assist on sailing yachts but does not qualify you to drive or command a vessel.

You will be trained to sail in moderate coastal conditions, not in extreme weather.

DURATION

5 days On board

RYA COMPETENT CREW PRACTICAL

COURSE CONTENT

- Knowledge of sea terms and parts of a boat
- Rigging and sails
- Sail handling
- Ropework
- Fire precautions and fighting
- Personal safety equipment
- Man overboard
- Emergency equipment
- Meteorology
- Seasickness
- Helmsmanship
- General duties
- Manners and customs
- Rules of the road
- Dinghies



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