



Yacht Master Self Assessment


Helping you assess if you are ready for a Yachtmaster course

Choosing the right level course is not always easy. In order to help you to decide if you are ready for the Yachtmaster course please answer these questions – if you are not sure of most of the answers you are not yet ready for the Yachtmaster.

Before you start answer these two questions:

1. Do you have 800 miles **logged** as an active member of a yacht crew?
YES – then you **may** be eligible for the Coastal Yachtmaster.
2. Do you have 3,000 miles **logged** as an active member of a yacht crew?
YES – then you **may** be eligible for the Offshore Yachtmaster.

Miles must be recorded in a logbook with original signatures of the skipper of owner of the vessel you sailed on.

1. What does IRPCS stand for?
2. How do you measure distances in nautical miles on a Mercator chart?
3. What is the 12th rule and when might you use it? When might this rule be inappropriate?
4. What information is found in a pilot? What do you use it for?
5. What is IALA? What is the difference between IALA 'A' and IALA 'B'?
6. What does this buoy signify?  Where is the danger relative to the buoy?
7. What is leeway? How do you assess the leeway you are making? How do you use this assessment in navigation?
8. What does WGS84 stand for? When would you need to know about WGS84?
9. What do XTE, COG, SOG and TTG mean?
10. What is a standard port and a secondary port?

11. What is a backing wind? What is the opposite to a backing wind? What scale is used to measure wind speed that avoids the need for actual measurement.
12. What does STCW stand for? What STCW training is needed by most professional seaman and recommended for recreational sailors?
13. What do SOLAS and IMO stand for and how are they connected?
14. What is a SART? What is an EPIRB? When would you need them and what is the difference between them?
15. What are the symptoms of hypothermia and heat stroke? How do you treat the two problems?
16. What would you do if you discover an engine fire?
17. Your yacht is sinking and you launch your eight-person life raft, but there are 12 of you. What do you do?
18. What is a running fix? How do you take one and when might a running fix be useful?
19. What is the difference between working up an EP and plotting your course to steer?
20. How can you tell when your vessel is on a collision course with another vessel?
21. What does a red light above a white light signify when shown in addition to basic navigation lights? What about white above red?
22. What preparations would you make if you were about to enter a fog bank?
23. What actions would you take for a MOB?

If you can answer most of these and know where to find the answers to the others quickly (without google!) then you are probably ready for a Yachtmaster course. The course is to hone your skills and knowledge ready for examination, not to teach you it in the first place.

If you cannot answer these questions you need to complete the Watchkeeper and Bareboat Skipper courses where this material is taught.

If you are still unsure, give us a call on +66 936 104 250 and let's discuss it.