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RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Ocean Exam Application

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PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS 1. CANDIDATE Title MR/MRS/MISS/OTHER Date of Birth **Please** Name Surname attach **Address** photo with name **Postcode** Country on the back **Phone** Day **Evening** Mobile RYA Membership N° **Email** RYA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence Number Sail/power * Commercially endorsed: yes/no* * delete as necessary 2. RYA/MCA YACHTMASTER OCEAN QUALIFYING PASSAGE To be sent to the examiner with work for assessment, SEVEN DAYS before date of exam Passage made on board LOA Type of yacht (sail/power) Port of departure time date Port of arrival time date Over 50M from land between position and position for a distance of miles time date As Mate of watch tick as applicable Skipper **Total distance** miles **Duration of voyage** hours Signature of skipper 3. INFORMATION ON SIGHTS TAKEN AT SEA TO BE SUBMITTED Please ensure that your name is on all charts, logbooks etc. which are submitted for assessment The enclosed sights were taken on board the yacht LOA **Sights** on passage from to when the vessel was miles from land time/date Tables/almanacs The tables/nautical almanacs used to reduce the sights were Records Enclose the following records: Extract of the ship's log, and as a minimum the reduction calculations and plotting of a sun-run-merpass or sun-run-sun sight and a compass check using a celestial body 4. EXAMINATION FEE ENCLOSED

5. DECLARATION

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I declare that these sights were taken from a cruising/racing yacht at sea out of sight of land and that they are my own unaided work and that no corrections were made after the time of the original reduction and plotting.

(cheques payable to RYA or complete credit card details overleaf)

Signed

Notes on RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Ocean Certificate of Competence

1. Eligibility for Examination

Examination for the RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Ocean Certificate of Competence is open to candidates who hold RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence or the DoT Coastal Certificate (Issued by the Department of Transport prior to 1974).

All candidates must have completed a qualifying passage which meets the following criteria:

- (a) It must be undertaken on board a cruising or offshore racing yacht.
- (b) The candidate must have taken a full part in the planning and preparation of the passage, including: (i) Navigational Plan (ii) Checking the material condition of the yacht and her equipment (iii) Storing, with spare gear, fuel, water and victuals.
- (c) Throughout the passage, the candidate must have acted in a responsible capacity, either in sole charge of a watch or as skipper.
- (d) During the passage a distance of 600M by the log must have been run, the yacht must have been at sea continuously for a period of at least 96 hours and the yacht must have been over 50M from land continuously for a period of at least 48 hours or for a distance sailed of 200M.
- (e) Holds a current first aid qualification, as for RYA Yachtmaster Offshore.

Candidates who hold a certificate of satisfactory completion of the RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Ocean Shorebased course are exempt from the written section of the exam.

Candidates must have completed work at sea which shows that they have successfully navigated a yacht at sea by astro navigation. This must consist of, as a minimum, an extract from the log of a yacht, details of the planning, reduction, and plotting of a sun-run-meridian altitude or sun-run-sun sight and a compass check carried out using the bearing of the sun, moon, a star or planet.

2. Form of Examination

The aim of the examination is for the candidate to demonstrate that he is capable of planning and executing an ocean passage as the Skipper of a yacht.

The exam consists of an oral and a written test.

The candidate must provide the examiner with:

- (i) A narrative account of the planning and execution of the qualifying passage
- (ii) Navigational records, completed on board a yacht on passage, out of sight of land showing that the candidate has navigated the yacht without use of electronic navigational aids.

The candidate will be required to send this work to the Examiner one week before the date of the examination. The volume of the paper submitted should therefore be kept to a minimum. Extracts from the logbooks and work books should therefore be sent, rather than complete books, and the charts and plotting sheets should only be those containing the sights to be assessed. The logbook and chart for the entire passage are not required.

Candidates who do not hold course completion certificates for the RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Ocean shorebased course, a Royal Navy Ocean Navigation Certificate or MCA Certificate of Competence as a Deck Officer will be required to take a written exam on the star sight planning and reduction and meteorology. Please make sure your examiner knows you need to a written examination when submitting your paperwork.

3. Where to apply

You may apply to any of the examination centres listed in the current edition of RYA book G15 or G18 or online at www.rya.org.uk

4. Candidates for certificates endorsed -'Valid for commercial use on vessels subject to codes of practice issued by the Maritime & Coastguard Agency'

Candidates who require this endorsement must provide a Maritime & Coastguard Agency Certificate of Medical Fitness and a certificate of completion of a Maritime & Coastguard Agency approved basic sea survival course.

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