

This information is only for students taking exams during a brush up courses for Yachtmaster Coastal or Yachtmaster Offshore Certificates of Competence

On boarding the Sailing Yacht or Motor Cruiser for a Coastal Brush up course, ensure you have the following:

- Restricted (VHF only) Radio Operators Certificate
- A current First Aid Certificate (They last 3 years)
- Logged evidence that you have before taking the Coastal Skipper exam that you have previous experience and minimum sea time of:
 - 30 days seetime
 - 2 days as a skipper
 - Recorded 800 miles
 - 12 night hours

If you hold a Coastal Skipper Practical Course Completion Certificate the seetime is reduced to 20 days (2 days as a skipper), 400 miles and 12 night hours.

On boarding the Sailing Yacht or Motor Cruiser for a Yachtmaster Brush up course, ensure you have the following:

- Restricted (VHF only) Radio Operators Certificate
- A current First Aid Certificate
- Logged Evidence in your g15/18 log book that you have before taking the Yachtmaster exam that you have previous experience and minimum sea time of:
 - 50 days seetime
 - 5 days as a skipper
 - Recorded 2500 miles
 - 5 passages over 60 miles as the crow fly's including 2 overnight and 2 as a skipper

The above must be within 10 years of the examination and 50% of the mileage must be in tidal waters

On a normal five day brush up course your examination is planned to be on the fourth afternoon of your course and should have night hours included as it may run into the last day of your course, your fellow crew members will act as crew and may be completing different level practical courses to yours.

A brush up course is to assess your ability and develop your skills in preparation for an exam at one of the two levels of competence, Yachtmaster Coastal or Yachtmaster Offshore.

With our 36 year experience of successful examinations please read the following.

Most candidates who fail examinations fail because of a weak theoretical knowledge (irpcs, lights, shapes, sound signals, weather and chartwork) we would recommend that all candidates have completed the coastal skipper /yachtmaster shorebased course or revised to that level before taking the examination as there is only time during the practical brush up to test these subjects not to learn them from scratch.

If your practical ability is not up to the standard required, your instructor may recommend that you re-evaluate your expectations and choose a different objective or not take the examination at all. (in the brush up course we cannot teach you long term experience) this needs to be achieved beforehand; you will be tested through the examination syllabus and helped to improve your approach to practical examination situations.