



RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Ocean Exam Application

Please read the notes overleaf before completing the application form

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Please attach photo with name on the back

1. CANDIDATE

Title	MR/MRS/MISS/OTHER	Date of Birth	
Name	First	Surname	
Address		Postcode	Country
Phone	Day	Evening	Mobile
Email		RYA Membership N°	
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				
Type of yacht (sail/power)	LOA			
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	Skipper <input type="checkbox"/>	Mate of watch <input type="checkbox"/>	tick as applicable	
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

Sights	The enclosed sights were taken on board the yacht	LOA	
	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

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

5. DECLARATION

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.

Signed		Date
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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 requiring a commercial endorsement

If you wish to apply for a commercial endorsement then you will be required to complete the commercial endorsement application form which can be downloaded from the RYA website www.rya.org.uk

Payment by Credit/Debit Card

Cardholders name _____

Address _____

Post code _____

Daytime telephone no. _____ email address _____

Please debit my **Visa/Mastercard/Switch/Maestro** card (delete as applicable)

Amount £ _____ Payment for _____

Date of order RYA membership no.

Card number

Card start date Card expiry date Switch issue no. Security code

Cardholders signature _____