



Maritime and Coastguard Agency

## MGN 411 (M+F)

# Training and Certification Requirements for the Crew of Fishing Vessels and their Applicability to Small Commercial Vessels and Large Yachts

**Notice to all Owners, Operators, Skippers, and Crews of Fishing Vessels, Small Commercial Vessels and Large Commercial Yachts.**

*This notice supersedes Marine Guidance Note (MGN) 404 (M&F) and should be read with Statutory Instrument 1989 No. 126 The Fishing Vessels (Safety Training) Regulations 1989 as amended by Statutory Instrument 2004 No. 2169 The Fishing Vessels (Safety Training) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 and the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) Regulations 1984 No. 1115 as amended by the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 No. 1428.*

*This Notice should also be read with MGN 313(F) Keeping a Safe Navigational Watch on Fishing Vessels, MGN 280(M) Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure, Workboats, and Pilot Boats - Alternative Construction Standards and Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) 1792(M) Edition 2 The Large Commercial Yacht Code*

### **PLEASE NOTE:-**

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

### **Summary**

This Notice sets out the following:

- Requirements for safety training on all fishing vessels for:
  - New entrants; and
  - Experienced fishermen.
- Additional Voluntary Training Courses for fishing vessels of less than 16.5m registered length;
- How to book a training course and requirements for proof of attendance;
- Certification requirements for fishing vessels of 16.5m registered length and over;
- Acceptance of a Skippers Ticket for Small Commercial Vessel Operations;
- Acceptance of Fishing Certificates of Competency for use on Small Commercial Vessels and Large Yachts;
- Enforcement of the requirements; and
- Potential implications on insurance if the courses are not undertaken

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The aim of this Note is to bring to fishermen's attention the training and certification requirements that currently apply to all UK registered commercial fishing vessels.
- 1.2 Vessel "length" in the context of this Marine Guidance Note (MGN) means "Registered Length".

## **2.0 BASIC SAFETY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ON ALL FISHING VESSELS**

### **2.1 New Entrants**

- 2.1.1 A new entrant is defined as a person who is for the first time gainfully employed or engaged as a crew member on a commercial fishing vessel registered in the United Kingdom.
- 2.1.2 Before starting work as a fisherman all new entrants must have completed the following course:
- 1 day Basic Sea Survival.
- 2.1.3 Within 3 months of starting work, all new entrant fishermen must complete the following additional courses:
- 1 day Basic Fire Fighting and Prevention;
  - 1 day Basic First Aid; and
  - 1 day Basic Health and Safety (only required of new entrants after 01 January 2005).
- 2.1.4 Upon completion of these four courses, new entrants are recommended to apply to Sea Fish Industry Authority (Seafish) for a New Entrant photo identification card verifying their compliance with these requirements.

### **2.2 Experienced Fishermen**

- 2.2.1 An experienced fisherman is defined as a fisherman who has been working as a fisherman for two years or more.
- 2.2.2 In addition to the courses required of new entrants (above), all experienced fishermen, regardless of whether they hold a Certificate of Competency, must complete the following course:
- 1 day Safety Awareness and Risk Assessment.
- 2.2.3 Upon completion of this course, experienced fishermen are recommended to apply to Seafish for an Experienced Fisherman photo identification card verifying their compliance with this requirement.

### **2.3 Merchant Navy STCW basic safety training.**

- 2.3.1 For those working or wanting to work in the maritime industry outside the fishing industry it is necessary for them to hold Seafarers Training Certification and

Watchkeeping (STCW) basic safety training certificates. With this in mind it is agreed that the following STCW courses may be used in place of the New Entrant Courses:

<b>Basic STCW Safety Course</b>	<b>Fishermen's Basic Safety Training Course</b>
Personal Survival Techniques STCW Ref. A-VI/1-1	Sea Survival
Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting STCW Ref. A-VI/1-2	Fire Fighting and Prevention
Elementary First Aid STCW Ref. A-VI/1-3	First Aid

2.3.2 The MCA will accept STCW basic safety training which is approved by any Maritime Administration which is signatory to the STCW Convention.

2.3.3 Courses from other providers and foreign governments are also accepted as equivalent to certain UK courses. All require documentary evidence or verification from a training provider. At the moment the majority of the one day courses do not have an expiry date.

Provider/Course	Basic Sea Survival	Basic Health And Safety	Basic Fire Fighting	Basic First Aid	Safety Awareness
RYA/DfT <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Belgium <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Spain <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Republic of Ireland <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
The Netherlands <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Denmark/Faroe Islands <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Iceland <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Lithuania <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
UK Royal Navy <sup>3</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No

1. Inshore skipper ticket.

2. Fishing Basic Safety Course equivalents

3. On completion of Royal Navy Basic Training

2.3.4 The Safety Awareness and Risk Assessment course has no STCW alternative. Any fishermen coming from outside the UK must, regardless of whether he has undertaken the Merchant Navy STCW basic safety training, undertake this Course before commencing work for the first time on a UK Registered fishing vessel. Any fisherman with two years experience must also undertake the Safety Awareness and Risk Assessment Course.

### **3.0 ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY TRAINING COURSES**

3.1 In addition to the mandatory courses, the following voluntary courses are available:

- Bridge Watchkeeping 2 day course (intended for skippers of vessels less than 16.5m operating within 20 miles of a safe haven);
- Bridge Watchkeeping 5 day course (intended for anyone taking a navigational watch and skippers of vessels less than 16.5m operating beyond 20 miles of a safe haven);
- Diesel Engine 1 day course (intended for skippers of vessels less than 16.5m operating within 20 miles of a safe haven);
- Engine Room Watchkeeping 2 day course (intended for skippers of vessels less than 16.5m operating beyond 20 miles of a safe haven);
- Engine Room Watchkeeping 5 day course (intended for anyone taking an engine room watch);
- Intermediate Stability Awareness 1 day course (intended for skippers of vessels less than 16.5m and anyone taking a navigational watch on any vessel).

3.2 It is our intention to consult with the fishing industry as to whether these courses should become mandatory for all skippers of vessels of less than 16.5m registered length.

3.3 Fishermen who complete the following will receive a Skippers Certificate for Under 16.5m Vessels up to 20 miles:

- 1 day GMDSS Short Range Certificate course;
- 1 day Basic Health and Safety course;
- 1 day Basic Sea Survival course;
- 1 day Basic Fire Fighting and Prevention course;
- 1 day Basic First Aid course;
- 1 day Safety Awareness course;
- 2 day Seafish Bridge Watchkeeping course (12 months service in the fishing industry is required before this course can be taken. A testimonial must be provided as evidence);
- 1 day Diesel Engine course; and
- 1 day Stability Awareness course.

As an alternative to the 2 day Seafish Bridge Watchkeeping course, a Boatmaster's Licence or 5 day RYA /DfT Yachtmaster Coastal Course Certificate is also accepted.

3.4 Fishermen who complete the following will receive a Skippers Certificate for Under 16.5m Vessels beyond 20 miles:

- 1 day GMDSS Short Range Certificate course;
- 1 day Basic Health and Safety course;
- 1 day Basic Sea Survival course;
- 1 day Basic Fire Fighting and Prevention course;
- 1 day Basic First Aid course;
- 1 day Safety Awareness course;
- 5 day Seafish Bridge Watchkeeping course (18 months service in the fishing industry is required before this course can be taken. A testimonial must be provided as evidence);
- 2 day Seafish Engine Room Watchkeeping course; and
- 1 day Stability Awareness Course.

As an alternative to the 5 day Seafish Bridge Watchkeeping course, a RYA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competency is also accepted.

#### **4.0 PROOF OF ATTENDANCE**

4.1 All fishermen should ensure that they receive and retain a Seafish certificate from each course they complete and apply for a 'credit card certificate'. This provides evidence that they have completed the course. MCA surveyors and inspectors will ask to see these certificates for all crew members when conducting surveys and inspections.

4.2 Seafish maintains a database of all Seafish-certificated fishermen's training. If fishermen are unsure whether their records are up-to-date they should contact Seafish by telephone on 01472 252302 or by email at [training@seafish.co.uk](mailto:training@seafish.co.uk).

4.3 Once they have completed all the required elements of basic safety training, fishermen are recommended to apply to Seafish for a photo identification card verifying their compliance with the regulations.

#### **5.0 HOW TO BOOK A COURSE**

5.1 Courses are organised and delivered by Seafish-Approved Training Providers around the country. Courses are delivered in port or at locations close to fishing ports and can be delivered at times to suit fishing patterns. Contact details for all Approved Training Providers can be obtained from Seafish by telephone on 01472 252302 or from the Seafish web-site at [www.seafish.org/sea/training.asp](http://www.seafish.org/sea/training.asp).

5.2 For those fishermen who wish to study courses and assessments online, please use the website [www.seafisheacademy.co.uk](http://www.seafisheacademy.co.uk)

## 6.0 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICERS ON FISHING VESSELS

### 6.1 Deck

6.1.1 The minimum manning requirement for qualified Deck Officers is as follows:

Fishing Area	Length of Vessel	Deck Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1	Deck Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 2	Deck Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 3
Unlimited	40m and over	2	1	
Unlimited	Under 40m	1	1	
Limited*	30m and over	1	1	
Limited*	24m or more but under 30m		1	1
Limited*	16.5m or more but under 24m		1	

Limited Area means any location within the area bounded by a line from a point on the Norwegian coast in latitude 62° N due west to a point 62° N 3° W; thence to a point 58° N 10° W; thence to a point 53° N 12° W; thence to a point 49°N 12° W; thence to a point 46° 30'N 6° W and thence due East to the French coast;

6.1.2 With the exception of vessels of less than 24m operating in the limited area, only persons holding a Certificate of Competency as a Deck Officer or a 5 day Bridge Watchkeeping Course shall be in charge of a navigational watch.

6.1.3 When deciding on Watchkeeping arrangements for fishing vessels of less than 24m operating in the limited area, the requirements of MGN 313(F) – Keeping a Safe Navigational Watch must be also followed. Uncertificated watchkeepers must be experienced, capable and have been instructed in their duties. The following factors must be taken into account when deciding on Watchkeeping duties:

- the wheelhouse must not be left unattended at any time;
- the weather conditions, visibility and time of day. Although the size of the crew and the wheelhouse may not permit a continuous two person watch, two people must always be on watch during the hours of darkness and in poor weather conditions;
- the proximity of navigational hazards and any other hazards which may require additional navigational duties to be undertaken;
- the use and operational condition of navigational aids such as radar, echo sounder, automatic pilot, and position-fixing equipment;
- any unusual demands on the navigational watch that may arise as a result of fishing operations.

### 6.2 Engineer

6.2.1 Every fishing vessel with a propulsive power of 750 kilowatts or more operating in the unlimited area must carry at least two qualified engineer officers, being at least a Chief Engineer holding an Engineer Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1 and a Second Engineer holding an Engineer Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 2.

6.2.2 The MCA has issued a General Exemption, which is included as Annex A to this MGN, which allows vessels with a propulsive power of 750 kilowatts or more operating in the limited area, as an alternative to 6.2.1 above, to carry a Chief Engineer holding an Engineer Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1 and the holder of an Engine Room Watchkeeping 5 day course certificate.

## **7.0 ACCEPTANCE OF UNDER 16.5M SKIPPERS CERTIFICATES FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL VESSEL OPERATIONS**

7.1 The Under 16.5m Skippers Certificates are recognised by MCA for use on Small Commercial Vessels as follows:

- Under 16.5m Skippers Certificate (beyond 20 miles) may be used on Small Commercial Vessels operating up to Area Category 3 (up to 20 miles from a safe haven);
- Under 16.5m Skippers Certificate (up to 20 miles) may be used on Small Commercial Vessels operating up to Area Category 6 (up to 3 miles from a nominated departure point named in the certificate and never more than 3 miles from land, in favourable weather and daylight).

7.2 Small Commercial Vessels are defined as a vessel of less than 24m in load line length, or a vessel of less than 150 tons, where the keel of that vessel was laid, or where the vessel was at a similar stage of construction before 21<sup>st</sup> July 1968 which are engaged at sea in activities on a commercial basis which carry cargo and/or not more than 12 passengers or provide a service in which neither cargo nor passengers are carried, or are UK pilot boats (and any such vessel registered or owned in another country when it operates from a United Kingdom port).

7.3 Holders of Under 16.5m Skippers Certificates must also comply with the following to work on Small Commercial Vessels:

- .1 hold an ENG 1 Medical Certificate or ML5 Certificate, which should be carried with your Skippers Certificate when operating, for inspection purposes. (Additional guidance on ENG1 and ML5 can be found in MGN 264);
- .2 as an alternative to 7.3.1, for vessels operating no further than 60 miles from a safehaven, the following will be accepted as evidence of medical fitness:-
  - CAA commercial pilot's licence,
  - HSE diving medical certificate,
  - DVLA Group 2 Drivers Licence.

The following conditions will also apply:

- .1 the validity of the evidence of medical fitness would be that of the validity of the parent licence, e.g. one year in the case of a CAA commercial pilot's licence.
- .2 in the case of the HSE diving medical and the DVLA Group 2 licence, evidence of satisfactory colour vision will be required.
- .3 in the case of the above-named equivalent medicals, a declaration will be required, signed by the applicant confirming the following:-

- i) the contact details of the examining doctor, their consent for the MCA to obtain further medical information if required, and the date of the examination; and
- ii) that they have not had any medical conditions requiring hospital admission, regular prescribed medication, or continuing medical surveillance, since the alternative medical was carried out; and
- iii) that they have no conditions limiting strength, stamina, or flexibility, such that they could not cope with emergencies on board, such as recovering someone who has fallen overboard or fighting a fire; and
- iv) that they will seek revised medical fitness certification and submit this to the Administration if the licence accepted as evidence of medical fitness is revoked for any reason, or if they suffer any illness or accident affecting their fitness to operate the vessel, during the period of the licence/certificate.

.3 every vessel should carry at least one person holding a Radio Operator's Certificate suitable for the radio equipment on board;

7.4 In addition to the requirements listed in paragraph 7.3 above holders of Under 16.5m Skippers Certificates must also comply with the requirements of the following Small Commercial Vessel Codes:

- The Safety of Small Commercial Motor Vessels;
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Commercial Sailing Vessels;
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats;
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport of Pleasure operating from a Nominated Departure Point (NDP).

Alternative standards for small vessels in commercial use for sport or pleasure, workboats and pilot boats can be found in MGN 280 - Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure, Workboats and Pilot Boats – Alternative Construction Standards. This MGN has been approved for publication and is available for use, as an alternative standard, by all small vessels wishing to be certificated for commercial use. Full implementation of this MGN as a free-standing code, in its own right, will follow the coming into force of a Statutory Instrument (Regulations) and the publication of the code as a Merchant Shipping Notice.

## **8.0 ACCEPTANCE OF FISHING VESSEL CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE FOR EMPLOYMENT ON SMALL COMMERCIAL VESSELS AND THEIR EQUIVALENCE TO BOAT MASTER QUALIFICATIONS**

8.1 The Codes of Practice for Small Commercial Vessels state that they should be manned in accordance with tables given in those Codes. Qualifications differing from those tabled, but of equal standing or specialist application, will be considered. The following table aims to clarify the use of fishing qualifications on these vessels.



Fishing Certificate	Small Commercial Vessel		Boat Masters Qualification Equivalent
	Rank	Limitations/Area of Operation	
Deck Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1	Skipper	Category 0	Generic License Tier 1 Level 2
Skipper Full	Skipper	Category 0	Generic License Tier 1 Level 2
Deck Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 2	Skipper	Category 1	Generic License Tier 1 Level 2
Second Hand Full	Skipper	Category 1	Generic License Tier 1 Level 2
Second Hand Special	Skipper	Category 2	Generic License Tier 1 Level 2
VQ Completion Certificate Level 4	Skipper	Category 2	Generic License Tier 1 Level 2
VQ Completion Certificate Level 3 (Skipper Inshore)	Skipper	Category 2	Generic License Tier 1 Level 2
VQ Completion Certificate Level 3 (Mate Unlimited)	Mate	Category 0	Not applicable
Engineer Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1	Engineer	Any vessel, any area	Not applicable
Engineer Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 2	Engineer	Treat as Marine Engine Operators Licence (MEOL)	Not applicable

8.2 The Areas of Operation for Small Commercial Vessels are as follows:

Area Category	Description
0	Unrestricted service
1	Up to 150 miles from a safe haven
2	Up to 60 miles from a safe haven
3	Up to 20 miles from a safe haven
4	Up to 20 miles from a safe haven, in favourable weather and in daylight
5	To sea, within 20 miles from a nominated departure point named in the certificate in favourable weather and daylight
6	To sea, within 3 miles from a nominated departure point named in the certificate and never more than 3 miles from land, in favourable weather and daylight

## 9.0 USE OF FISHING VESSEL MANNING CERTIFICATION OUTSIDE UNITED KINGDOM WATERS.

- 9.1 It should be noted that within United Kingdom waters there will be no requirement to convert a fishing vessel Certificate of Competency to a certificate normally accepted on a Small Commercial Vessel. However, outside the United Kingdom other Administrations may not accept fishing vessel Certificates of Competency on Small Commercial Vessels, as such certificates are not STCW endorsed.
- 9.2 If a fisherman intends to work outside United Kingdom waters it is recommended that they check the situation in the waters they intend to operate to verify if a STCW certificate is required before they start work on a Small Commercial Vessel.

**10.0 ACCEPTANCE OF FISHING VESSEL CERTIFICATES FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL YACHTS (OPERATING UNDER MSN 1792(M) - THE LARGE COMMERCIAL YACHT CODE (LY2))**

10.1 MSN 1792(M) The Large Commercial Yacht Code (LY2) states vessels must be manned in accordance with tables given in those codes and qualifications differing from those tabled, but of equal standing or specialist application, will be considered. The following aims at clarifying the use of fishing qualifications on these types of vessels.

10.2 Matters concerning navigation officers qualifications on vessels operating under LY2 are dealt with in MSN 1802 Certificates of Competency: Yacht Deck Officers and MGN 156 Certificates of Competency or Marine Engine Operator Licences for service as an Engineer Officer on commercially and privately operated yachts and sail training vessels.

10.3 The Large Commercial Yacht code (LY2) has three limitation designations which are unlimited, 150 and 60 miles from a safe haven which are equivalent to Area Category "0", "1" and "2" of the Small Commercial Vessel Codes.

**11.0 CONVERSION OF DECK (FISHING) CERTIFICATES FOR USE ON VESSELS OPERATING UNDER MSN 1792(M) THE LARGE COMMERCIAL YACHT CODE (LY2)**

**11.1 Master (Code vessels less than 200gt not more than 150 miles from safe haven)  
Officer of the Watch (Yachts less than 500gt):**

11.1.1 To qualify for issue of this Certificate of Competency a candidate must:

- i) hold one of the following Fishing Certificates of Competence;
  - Deck Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 2; or
  - Second Hand Full; or
  - Second Hand Special.
- ii) have completed the following safety training:
  - Personal Survival Techniques (STCW A-VI/1-1), or non-STCW RYA Basic Sea Survival;
  - Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention (STCW A-VI/1-2);
  - Elementary First Aid (STCW A-VI/1-3);
  - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (STCW A-VI/1-4).
- iii) hold a minimum of a GMDSS Restricted Operators Certificate (**ROC**), and
- iv) hold a current ENG1 Medical Fitness Certificate.

11.1.2 The "150 miles from safe haven" limitation may be lifted when a candidate obtains a Deck Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1.

**11.2 Master (Code vessels less than 200gt unlimited area)  
Officer of the Watch (Yachts less than 500gt):**

11.2.1 To qualify for issue of this Certificate of Competency a candidate must:

- i) hold one of the following Fishing Certificates of Competency
  - Deck Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1; or
  - Skipper Full.
- ii) have completed the following safety training:
  - Personal Survival Techniques (STCW A-VI/1-1) or non-STCW RYA Basic Sea Survival;
  - Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention (STCW A-VI/1-2);
  - Elementary First Aid (STCW A-VI/1-3);
  - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (STCW A-VI/1-4)
- iii) hold a minimum of a GMDSS General Operators Certificate (**GOC**)
- iv) hold a current ENG1 Medical Fitness Certificate.

**11.3 Application Process for Deck Qualifications**

11.3.1 Provided that the conditions are met as stated above, an STCW Yacht Certificate can be issued without additional examination or certification, subject to providing the required documentation and fee. All certificates must be endorsed for use on motor vessels only. As there are no extra examination requirements candidates who have successfully passed the Deck Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1 or Class 2 may apply for the STCW certificate at the same time as their fishing Certificate of Competency.

**12.0 CONVERSION OF ENGINEER OFFICERS (FISHING) CERTIFICATES FOR USE ON VESSELS OPERATING UNDER MSN 1792(M) THE LARGE COMMERCIAL YACHT CODE (LY2)**

**12.1 Chief Engineer Reg III/3 Certificate of Competency (referred to as “Yacht 4” or “Y4”);**

12.1.1 The capacity limitations applying are:

- Chief Engineer: Commercially and privately operated yachts and sail training vessels less than 200gt and less than 1,500kW propulsion power.
- Second Engineer: Commercially and privately operated yachts and sail training vessels less than 500gt and less than 3,000kW propulsion power.
- Officer of the Watch (OOW) Engineering: Commercially and privately operated yachts and sail training vessels only.

12.1.2 To qualify for issue of this Certificate of Competency a candidate must:

- i) hold Engineer Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1;
- ii) pass the following written examinations:
  - Operational Procedures and Basic Hotel Services.
- iii) complete the Merchant Navy Training Board (MNTB) workshop skills programme at the support level;
- iv) complete the following safety training:
  - Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (PSC & RB)(STCW Code A-V1/2-1), or Sea Survival for Yachtsmen (as described in MSN 1802 (M) - Certificates of Competency: Yacht Deck Officers Training and Certification Guidance - Part A7).
  - Training in Advanced Fire Fighting (STCW Code A-V1/3);
  - Proficiency in Medical First Aid (STCW Code A-V1/4-1).
- v) hold a current ENG1 Medical Fitness Certificate.
- vi) proof of six months relevant sea service in the last 5 years.

**12.2 Chief Engineer Reg III/3 Certificate of Competency (referred to as “Yacht 3” or “Y3”);**

12.2.1 The capacity limitations applying are:

- Chief Engineer: Commercially and privately operated yachts and sail training vessels less than 500gt and less than 3,000kW propulsion power.
- Second Engineer: Commercially and privately operated yachts and sail training vessels less than 3,000gt and less than 3,000kW propulsion power.
- OOW Engineering: Commercially and privately operated yachts and sail training vessels only.

12.2.2 To qualify for issue of this Certificate of Competency a candidate must:

- i) hold Engineer Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1;
- ii) pass the following written examinations:
  - Operational Procedures and Basic Hotel Services;
  - Chief Engineer Statutory and Operational Requirements.
- iii) complete the MNTB workshop skills programme at the support level;

- iv) complete the following safety training:
  - Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (PSC & RB)(STCW Code A-V1/2-1), or Sea Survival for Yachtsmen (as described in MSN 1802 (M) Certificates of Competency: Yacht Deck Officers Training and Certification Guidance - Part A7);
  - Training in Advanced Fire Fighting (STCW Code A-V1/3);
  - Proficiency in Medical First Aid (STCW Code A-V1/4-1).
- v) hold a current ENG1 Medical Fitness Certificate.
- vi) proof of six months relevant sea service in the last 5 years.

### **12.3 Application Process for Engineer Qualifications**

12.3.1 Application should be made to the Seafarer Training and Certification Branch using Yacht Engineer application form MSF4278, available on the MCA website and accompanied with the following:

- your Engineer Officer Certificate of Competency (Fishing Vessel) Class 1;
- proof of six months relevant sea service in the last 5 years;
- appropriate SQA examination pass certificates;
- appropriate STCW safety course certificates;
- current ENG1 medical certificate;
- 2 passport sized photographs;
- MNTB workshops skills certificate;
- fee for issue of a certificate of competency not requiring an oral examination (being £58 in February 2010).

The application form has the full address to where the form should be submitted

### **13.0 ENFORCEMENT**

13.1 If completion of the relevant mandatory courses cannot be proven, then the MCA may detain the vessel until the crew have undertaken the required courses.

### **14.0 INSURANCE**

14.1 Insurers may require evidence of compliance with all mandatory training requirements. Failure to comply may invalidate the policy and affect any subsequent claims. Owners are advised to check with their insurers.

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**GENERAL EXEMPTION IN RELATION TO CARRIAGE OF ENGINEERS ON FISHING VESSELS OF 750 KILOWATTS OR MORE OPERATING IN THE LIMITED AREA**

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 48 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995<sup>1</sup> and by Regulation 2 of the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) Regulations 1984<sup>2</sup> as amended, hereby exempts any fishing vessel with a propulsive power of 750 kilowatt or more from carrying second engineer holding a Class 2 (Fishing Vessel) Certificate as currently required by Regulation 4 of those Regulations where the ship:

- (a) operates only in the limited area area bounded by a line from a point on the Norwegian coast in latitude 62° N due west to a point 62° N 3° W; thence to a point 58° N 10° W;; thence to a point 53° N 12 ° W; thence to a point 49°N 12° W; thence to a point 46° 30'N 6° W and thence due East to the French coast;
- (b) carries a chief engineer holding a Class 1 (Fishing Vessel) Certificate;
- (c) carries the holder of a certificate demonstrating they have completed the 5 day Engine Room Watchkeepers Course who has:
  - (i) 3 months experience on that ship;
  - (ii) Undertaken all mandatory safety training courses as required by the Fishing Vessels (Safety Training) Regulations 1989<sup>3</sup>, as amended;
  - (iii) Available, and when so requested produces for inspection by any superintendent, surveyor of ships or proper officer, documents which are evidence of having undertaken the course referred to in paragraph (c).

This Exemption, which may be cancelled, or modified, by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency at any time, shall remain in force until revoked or until such time as the Regulations are amended.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009

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<sup>1</sup> 1995 C21

<sup>2</sup> SI 1984/1115 as amended by SI SI 1995/1428 and 1998/1013

<sup>3</sup> SI 1989/126 as amended by SI 2004 /2169