

## Skipper's ticket for small vessels (Under 16,5m) –Funding Now Available



## Responsible Fishing Scheme from Seafish

Applicants must have completed the four mandatory courses and the certificate comprises five competences (as shown in the table below), with different levels of training required depending on whether or not the skipper fishes beyond 20 miles from a safe haven:

Competence	Certificates Required
1. Communication	1-day GMDSS Short Range Certificate
2. Safety	1-day Basic Sea Survival 1-day Basic Fire Fighting & Prevention 1-day Basic First Aid 1-day Safety Awareness
3. Navigation (up to 20 miles)	2-day Seafish Bridge Watchkeeping Or Boatmaster's Licence Or 5-day RYA Coastal Skipper
Beyond 20 miles	5-day Seafish Bridge Watchkeeping Or RYA Yachtmaster Offshore
4. Stability Awareness	1-day Intermediate Stability Awareness
5.Engine/Machinery Operation	
Up to 20 miles	1-day RYA Engine Operator
Beyond 20 miles	2-day Seafish Engine room Watchkeeping

Completion of the requirements for all five competences leads to the award of a certificate, which would be endorsed by the Maritime & Coastguard Agency and issued by Seafish.

If you have already completed all the courses the application form is available on the website at <http://www.eastern-seafish.org.uk/catching.htm> or you can contact us and ask for a form to be sent.

### Other Courses:

#### Food hygiene for fishermen

We can also organise Level 2 Food Safety Certificate (CIEH) this is a 6 hour taught course, cost £60 (Grant available to pay £20 towards cost)

The Responsible Fishing Scheme has been developed to raise standards in the catching sector. The Responsible Fishing Scheme was created in response to the needs of the seafood supply chain to demonstrate their commitment to the responsible sourcing of seafood. The aim is that over time it will become a condition of supply.

Based on a Publicly Available Specification from the British Standards Institution (BSi), the Responsible Fishing Scheme is an independent, audited assessment of the application of good practice by a vessel skipper and crew in their fishing operations.

It covers four key areas, namely:

- Fishing practices.
- Vessel criteria.
- Crew competence.
- Environmental considerations.

### **What are the benefits of the scheme?**

The Responsible Fishing Scheme demonstrates that a vessel operates to industry good practice guidelines. The scheme gives an assurance to the supply chain that fish from the vessel has been caught responsibly. It will also give the vessel a tool to allow them to positively position themselves in the global marketplace.

### **How to get involved:**

Contact Eastern Seafish Training Association to discuss it or to arrange a pre-audit visit by a qualified coach. Seafish will conduct this preliminary audit free of charge. The findings of this audit will be discussed fully with you. Any non-compliant areas will be identified and remedial actions recommended. Once any non-compliant areas have been addressed, the vessel owner will arrange for an audit to be carried out by an independent certification body.

On successful completion of the audit, the vessel will be certified a responsible fishing vessel. Showing the vessel and crew are adhering to good practice and responsible fishing.

**PROVISIONAL COURSE DATES:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Provisional Venue</u>
8/9 Dec 2008	2 day navigation	Leigh on Sea
10 Dec 2008	Basic Health and Safety	West Lynn
11 Dec 2008	Fire Fighting	Gorleston
<b>2009</b>		
14/15 Jan 2009	2 Day Navigation	West Lynn
16 Jan 2009	Safety Awareness	West Lynn
27 Jan 2009	Stability	Caister on Sea
28/29 Jan 2009	2 day Engine	Caister on Sea
28 Jan 2009	Stability	West Lynn
29 Jan 2009	First Aid	Brightlingsea
4 Feb 2009	Fire Fighting	West Lynn
5 Feb 2009	Fire Fighting	Levington
16 Feb 2009	SRC	Caister on Sea
17 Feb 2009	SRC	Leigh on Sea
18 Feb 2009	Basic H&S	Brightlingsea
19 Feb 2009	Basic H&S	West Lynn
2-6 March 2009	5 Day Navigation	Caister

More courses will be organised according to demand. Venues will be chosen to try and provide LOCAL courses to you wherever possible.

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**Mandatory Safety Training**

MCA are tightening up on the legal requirement for all commercial fishermen to have taken the 4 mandatory courses so we advise that all fishermen take the courses as soon as possible. **MCA have the right to stop you going to sea if you have not done them. The courses required are Sea Survival, Fire Fighting, First Aid and Safety Awareness.**

**New Entrant Funding for Mandatory courses**

Seafish are now funding New Entrant training through Individual Training Support Grants (ITSG) candidates can apply through Eastern Seafish Training Association. They will need to be new to the commercial fishing industry and take all courses within 6 months of starting.

**Skippers Ticket for <16.5 m fishing vessels- Dept for Transport Funding available**

The skippers ticket is now available for any fishermen who meet the criteria as detailed on Page 2. **AT SOME STAGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE IT IS LIKELY TO BECOME A LEGAL REQUIREMENT.** If you need to do any of these courses **funding is available provided you have already completed the four mandatory courses and have at least 12 months seatime (for 2 day Navigation) or at least 18 months seatime (for 5 day Navigation)** We will be running course later in the year, see list of dates overleaf. More courses will be organised according to demand

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