

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 finished

There is no longer any funding available for New entrants to the industry. All candidates will now be liable to pay their own fees. These are currently: Sea Survival £120 (increasing to £145 from 1 October 2010), First Aid £80, Fire Fighting £100, New Entrant Basic Health and Safety £80, Safety Awareness £80



**Skipper's ticket for small vessels
(Under 16.5m)**

**– LIKELY TO BE MANDATORY REQUIREMENT AT
SOME POINT IN FUTURE**

LAST CHANCE-Skippers Ticket for <16.5 m fishing vessels- Dept for Transport Funding

The skippers ticket is available for any fishermen who meet the criteria as detailed below. If you need to do any of these courses **funding is only available until 31 March 2011** provided you have already completed the four mandatory courses and have at least 12 months sea time (for 2 day Navigation) or at least 18 months sea time (for 5 day Navigation) We will be running course later in the year, Courses will be organised according to demand. **WE RECOMMEND ALL SKIPPERS AND POTENTIAL SKIPPERS TO TAKE THE COURSES THIS YEAR TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FUNDING. ONCE FUNDING HAS FINISHED THE COURSES WILL COST £100 PER DAY, I.E. MAXIMUM TOTAL COST OF £900**

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) PLEASE SEE NOTE BELOW	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 is 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.

NOTE: 2 DAY OR 5-DAY NAVIGATION.

If you are looking to do other work (non fishing such as charter parties, wind farm work) the 5 Day course is likely to be accepted as a navigation qualification by other bodies, whereas the 2 day is unlikely to be so we recommend you take the 5 day course

WEBSITES

If you are a Fishing Association, Processing company or a fishermen why not have your own website to promote your business or to make information available to your members?

We now offer a website service. If you would like to have your own website we can arrange for a site to be designed and hosted for you. You can either have a basic site designed that you can then develop further yourself or we can develop for you. We can also maintain and update the site on a regular basis.

Costs

Initial Costs:

Basic design of front page £300

Further Development of further pages (depending on complexity) £100-£500

Annual Fees

Regular Maintenance and updating £85 per annum

Hosting of website and provision of UK domain name £47 per annum

PRINTING SERVICES

We now offer a printing service to print flyers, leaflets, newsletters etc. Please contact us with your requirements and we will provide a quote

Other Courses: Food hygiene for fishermen

We will be organising Level 2 Food Safety Certificate courses (Previously known as Basic Food Hygiene) in the autumn, this is a 6 hour taught course, cost to fishermen/fish processors £50 (normally £60)

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Clive's comments

New M Notice MGN 411 (M+F)-(Training and Certification Requirements for the Crew of Fishing Vessels and their Applicability to Small Commercial Vessels and Large Yachts)

This new M notice lays out all the mandatory requirements for training and certification of crew on fishing vessels. It also now includes information on the Under 16.5 m Skippers ticket and how it is now recognized for other work:

"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 21st 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)."

Clive Monk, 11 August 2010