

Coxswain Deck

Who is the course for?

This course is for people requiring a commercial licence to skipper a commercial fishing, trading or passenger vessel up to 12 metres in length and forms the core of all Coxswain Near Coastal (NC) Certificate of Competency (CoC).

Course requirements

This course is designed for people who already have considerable experience in vessel operations.

How will I be trained and assessed?

SMT provides all the training and assessment and activities will include:

- written assessments* of underpinning knowledge
- verbal assessments of understanding of actions to be taken during routine, emergency and exceptional circumstances
- demonstration of practical skills and knowledge whilst on board a vessel and in a simulated environment

What will I learn?

The course covers topics including:

- rope and wire work
- preparing for sea and rough weather
- vessel design, construction and stability; berthing duties
- manoeuvring and vessel handling in normal and exceptional circumstances
- duties in confined waters
- anchoring, mooring and towing, machinery and equipment
- COLREGS and IALA buoyage
- types of emergencies and general responses
- weather and outboards

How long is the course?

This is a 5-day course (9am – 5pm on the classroom days). The final boating practical session which is on the last day of the course, you will only be required to attend for 1-2 hours to complete this practical, the time will be determined and communicated to you during the course. All of the equipment, training and assessment materials that participants need will be provided by SMT.

Participants must bring their own writing materials and their own work-style clothing and enclosed footwear appropriate to the forecast weather conditions.

Note: SMT will provide materials from which participants are required to learn lights, shapes and sound signals as part of self-study before the course

What sort of credential(s) do I get if I successfully complete the course?

Participants who successfully complete all of the written, verbal and practical assessments will receive a nationally-recognised Statement of Attainment for the following units:

- MARC037 Operate inboard and outboard motors
- MARI003 Comply with regulations to ensure safe operation of a vessel up to 12 metres
- MARJ006 Follow environmental work practices
- MARK007 Handle a vessel up to 12 metres
- MARN008 Apply seamanship skills aboard a vessel up to 12 metres

If you have also completed the Elements of Shipboard safety, the combination of these units and coxswain deck units will make you eligible to receive a MAR10418 Certificate I in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 2 Near Coastal).

If you have completed the Elements of Shipboard Safety, First Aid, Navigation and Engineering, the combination of these units and the deck units will make you eligible to receive a MAR20318 Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal).

AMSA Mandated Practical Assessment (AMPA) and Interim Certificate of Competency (ICoC)

As part of its assessment process, SMT will complete an AMPA on each participant for the units completed as part of the course. Completed AMPA's are a requirement of AMSA and are submitted to AMSA with your completed AMSA application paperwork.

SMT can issue an Interim Certificate of Competency (ICoC) to participants who have successfully completed the courses for a Coxswain Grade 1 or 2 NC, have been issued with the qualification, have met all of the evidence and sea time requirements of AMSA and have all fees paid.

The following AMSA paperwork and evidence is required to be completed by the participant and submitted to SMT a minimum of 1 week prior to the commencement of the course:

- AMSA 426 Certificate of Competency Application which incorporates the Sea Service and Medical Declaration
- AMSA 542 Eyesight test certificate (must be completed by an optometrist)
- AMSA 771 Sea service record
- Proof of identity which includes a Passport or a driver's licence and birth certificate

- Current photo (SMT will take your photo and verify it)
- Other attached evidence including a current first aid and Marine Radio licence is required for a Coxswain Grade 1 NC application

Within 7 days of an ICoC being issued, SMT will lodge all completed paperwork to AMSA on your behalf. If you do not have all your paperwork completed prior to the commencement of your course, SMT will still lodge your application paperwork to AMSA but you may not be eligible for an ICoC.

For eligible Tasmanian residents, this training is subsidised by the Department of State Growth, Tasmania.