

Converting between sail and power

Holders of the Yachtmaster™ Coastal or Yachtmaster™ Offshore sail Certificate of Competence may take a conversion exam to obtain the equivalent power certificate of competence. Candidates may also convert from power to sail.

Exam duration

The exam will take about three hours. The examiner may ask questions or set tasks on any part of the syllabus but will concentrate on those sections which are markedly different in a motor cruiser, e.g. boat handling, passage planning, and radar.

Pre-exam requirements

The mileage shown below must be in a power vessel.

All qualifying sea time must be within 10 years prior to the exam.

Half of the qualifying sea time must have been conducted in tidal waters.

Yachtmaster™ Offshore conversion exams

Minimum of 1250 miles

25 days living on board

3 days as skipper

3 passages over 60 miles including 1 overnight and 1 as skipper

Yachtmaster™ Coastal conversion exams

Minimum of 400 miles

12 days living on board

2 days as skipper

12 night hours

For a Commercial Endorsement you also need;

- Professional Practices & Responsibilities Course (online).
- Sea Survival course completion certificate (STCW 95 or RYA)
- ENG 1 medical fitness certificate.