

## YACHT RATING CERTIFICATE

For full information: See MGN 270 [www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk) and MIN 277

The PYA office has been approved by the MCA to issue Deck Rating Certificates. If you wish to apply through the PYA office, please compile your dossier as follows. Allow 21 days for your application to be processed.

You will need:

1. A completed application form. Yacht Rating MSF 4340/REV 1004 – downloaded from the MCA website as above.

**PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION FORM ON PAGE 5 VERY CAREFULLY. ENSURE THAT THE PERSON WHO COUNTER-SIGNS IS SUITABLY QUALIFIED AND THAT THE SAME PERSON SIGNS YOUR PHOTOS. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.**

2. PYA Service Record Book **or** MCA approved log book **or** Discharge Book **or** Certificate of Discharge. The MCA will not accept a RYA log book.

3. A copy of Sea Service Testimonials with **contact details**. This information should correspond exactly with the information written in the sea section on Page 2 of the application form. This should show a minimum of 6 months yacht service (employment) and 60 days at sea. (A day at sea is defined as any day that the boat leaves the port, is underway, or at anchor.)

4. A copy of Passport **or** Birth Certificate – this must be signed by the Master giving full name, date of birth, CoC number, and contact details.

5. A copy of ENG 1

6. 2 Passport Photos – **SIGNED ON THE BACK AS STATED BY NOTE No 4 – ON PAGE 5 OF APPLICATION FORM. THIS SHOULD BE THE SAME PERSON WHO COUNTER-SIGNS SECTION 6 ON PAGE 4.**

7. Copy of STCW95 Basic Training Certificates: Personal Survival Techniques **or**  
RYA Basic Sea Survival  
Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting  
Elementary First Aid  
Personal Safety and Social Responsibility

8. A completed Training Record Book (if required). Ensure that the tasks are signed off in **real time** and **not all on the same date as this will be rejected**. Every box should have a signature.

9. Certificate fee – 40 euros for PYA members plus 25 euros administration charge for non PYA members. (If the applicant would like the certificate couriered, this will be charged at their expense. Otherwise normal post is used.)

Exemptions:

Holders of the following do not need to complete a Training Record Book and the 6 months of yacht service may be reduced to 2 months sea service on vessels 15 metres and over in load line, in which case copies of these certificates are required.

Watch Leader Certificate with Competent Crew Certificate **or**  
Day Skipper Certificate with Competent Crew Certificate **or**  
MCA Approved Yacht Rating Course Completion Certificate

Holders of the above certificates must still apply for a YRC and meet the other requirements.

**Holders of a IYT or RYA Coastal Skipper, Yachtmaster Offshore, or Yachtmaster Ocean certificates are precluded from the Yacht Rating Certificate.**