

## ADVANCED DECKHAND CAREER COURSE



Ocean Star Sailing Academy's **Advanced Deckhand Career Course** has been specially designed to meet the ever-growing demand for well-trained professional crew on luxury yachts. Having these qualifications will give you a competitive edge on your CV and is also a good entry point for crew looking to gain their Efficient Deckhand qualification in future.

This is the simplest and most effective way to gain entry level employment as a Deckhand onboard yacht of all sizes.

### **AIMED FOR THOSE WHO ARE:**

Exploring career options in the yachting industry

Have completed matric or tertiary education.

Taking a gap year

Wanting to travel and explore new horizons.

Wanting to get a well-paid entry level job in the luxury Superyacht Industry

**YOUR INVESTMENT: R60 585.00 | DURATION: 30 DAYS**

*Pricing subject to change without notice*

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Introduction to Efficient Deckhand  
Superyacht Deckhand Course  
Advanced Deckhand Course  
RYA Powerboat Level II  
RYA Personal Watercraft Certificate  
SAMSA SRC/VHF Radio  
RYA Radar  
RYA Diesel Engine  
STCW10 including PDSD  
Introduction to Barista

**OSRH- OCEAN STAR SUPERYACHT RESOURCE HUB**

**1 x SUPERYACHT TRAINING ACADEMY GOLF SHIRT  
(Additional shirts are available for purchase)**

**Consultation and Industry Advice  
Visa Advice  
Course Manuals  
Professional Yachting CV Assistance**

## ADDITIONAL COSTS:

**Transport** from Superyacht Training Academy to STCW courses: R685.00 (if needed )  
**Accommodation** during all shore-based courses: 495.00 per night  
(Accommodation is dormitory style and self-catering. Laundry and cooking facilities are available)  
Introduction to Barista Course R750.00  
Accommodation refundable security tag deposit: R500.00

## ENG1 MEDICAL

It is mandatory for anyone working onboard a boat to have an ENG1 seafarer medical fitness certificate whether you are a seafarer; in charge of a ship or are serving on a merchant ship or yacht.

The fee for the ENG1 medical examination is R3 200.00 and must be issued by a doctor approved by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).  
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## **Introduction to Efficient Deckhand: (5 days)**

This course has been specifically tailored to give you a significant theoretical knowledge advantage over your competitors in the industry. As watch keeping is an integral part of being a competent crew person, a thorough understanding of the Collision Regulations, International System of Buoyage and vessel identification during daylight and night hours is essential. You will also be introduced to vessel safety, GMDSS requirements, tidal theory and its implications, basic meteorology, vessel nomenclature, mooring, docking, and anchoring procedures.

## **Superyacht Deckhand Course: (4 days)**

This course will teach students how to effectively take care of a vessel by practicing key elements of any vessel's maintenance plan, which includes how to wash down the vessel, teak maintenance, as well as assess any damage of the vessel, correct product knowledge and application to repair the damage. Another part of the maintenance section focuses on woodwork and varnishing skills. Students will practice actual deck duties that are vital on vessels, such as navigational watch, guest on board protocols, line handling and anchoring duties to name a few.

## **Advanced Deckhand Course: (3 days)**

The Advanced Deckhand Course runs over a duration of 3 days post the Superyacht Deckhand Course. The course covers more detailed subjects such as product and crew management, rigging, Superyacht topcoat finishes (spray and brush), fibre glass repairs, 3 different types of splicing, mooring operations of tenders and vessel, duties, and responsibilities of senior crew members and how to advance from a junior deckhand upwards. This course is aimed to broaden the skill set of crews, adding more value to their CV and in turn making crew more eligible for employment. Having completed this course will give you a competitive edge in finding your dream job.

## **RYA Radar: (1 day)**

This one-day courses gives you an understanding of radar as an aid to navigation and collision avoidance. During this course you will learn how the radar set works. How it's adjustments and features affect the way it works, types of radar display, radar plotting and the use of radar in navigation and collision avoidance.

## **RYA Diesel Engine: (1 day)**

This course teaches you how an engine works, basic checks and maintenance procedures and how to get it started again in the event of a breakdown. You will learn the principals of diesel engine operation, the system and parts of the engine, fault finding, routine maintenance and winter lay-up procedures.

## **RYA Powerboat Level II: (2 days)**

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The RYA Powerboat training course gives you the best of both worlds- your chance to drive someone else's boat as well as the opportunity to gain the experience and knowledge to be safe at sea. More importantly, you will come away understanding how boats work, the equipment you will need and the type, style, and design features that you would want on your boat should you decide to purchase one.

**This course covers the following:**

- How to start powerboating
- Personal buoyancy and clothing
- Parts of the boat
- Types of crafts
- Engines and drives
- Boat control
- Crew and rope work
- Trailering and launching
- Boat handling
- Turning
- Coming alongside
- Leaving
- Mooring buoys
- Anchoring
- Collision regulations
- Day shapes and light
- Man overboard.

**SAMSA SRC/VHF Radio: (1 day)**

The SRC (short range certificate) course is for anyone who wishes to use a fixed or handheld marine VHF radio. A radio is an important piece of safety equipment on board, and it is vital to understand the correct procedures. It is illegal to be in possession of a handheld VHF radio without a licence.

The short-range certificate is the minimum qualification required by law to control the operation of VHF and VHF Digital Selective Calling (DSC) equipment.

This includes both fixed and hand-held equipment using international channels.

**This course covers the following:**

- The basics of radio operation
- The correct frequencies (channels) to be used
- Distress, emergency, and medical assistance procedures
- Making ship to shore telephone calls
- Digital Selective Calling (DSC) using simulators
- Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
- Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB)
- Search and Rescue (SART)

**STCW10: (11 days)**

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The STCW course is mandatory for anyone working at sea. This is your basic safety at sea training.

**This course covers the following:**

- Elementary First Aid
- Marine Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting
- Personal Safety and Social Responsibility
- Personal Survival Techniques
- Proficiency in Designated Security Duties

**Introduction to Barista: (2 hours)**

During this course students will learn to understand the details of coffee making, machines, milk techniques and the growing of coffee.

**BENEFITS:**

You will gain the skills and qualifications demanded of crew in a Deckhand role, which will allow you to gain work as a Deckhand or crew onboard yachts and Superyachts around the world. Potential earnings are €2500/\$2500 per month tax free, excl. tips. You will have no food or accommodation expenses once you are employed onboard a Superyacht, your salary and tips will be money in your pocket!

We facilitate the opening of an offshore bank account to deposit your earnings.

**ALL QUALIFICATIONS ARE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED**

**SUPERYACHT CREW TRAINING QUALIFICATIONS:**

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SAMSA VHF SRC Radio  
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STCW Marine Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting  
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STCW Proficiency in Designated Security Duties (PDSD)

**Ocean Star Sailing Academy is your ideal entry point into this eye-opening, ultimately luxurious Industry!**

**Are you getting onboard?**

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