

DECK/ SAIL CAREER COURSE

Superyacht Training Academy's Deck/Sail Career Course has been specially designed to meet the ever-growing demand for well-trained professional crew on luxury yachts. This package includes RYA Day Skipper Sailing and RYA Yachtmaster Coastal/Offshore Theory, the qualifications included in this package are a good entry point for crew looking to obtain their RYA Yachtmaster qualification in future.

Combining internationally recognised certifications with specialist training and personalised career guidance, this programme equips you with the skills, professionalism and confidence expected by captains, recruiters and yacht owners worldwide.

Your Investment: R120 655.00 | Duration: 54 Days

This course is ideal for anyone who is:



Exploring career options
in the yachting industry



Wanting to travel and
explore new horizons



Completed Matric
or tertiary education



Wanting to land a well-paying
entry level job in the Superyacht
industry

THE IDEAL DECKHAND

For those who aspire to become exceptional deck crew, technical knowledge is what sets you apart. The Superyacht Training Academy Deck/Sail Career Course has been designed for ambitious individuals who want to build a career on both motor and sailing yachts by developing a deeper understanding of seamanship, navigation and vessel operations.

Combining internationally recognised RYA qualifications with specialist Superyacht deck training, this comprehensive programme equips you with the practical sailing skills, technical knowledge and professional confidence expected aboard some of the world's finest yachts.

This is one of our most comprehensive and technically advanced career programmes, designed for students who want more than an entry-level qualification. Throughout the course, you'll gain hands-on experience in professional deck operations while developing a thorough understanding of navigation, collision regulations, meteorology, radar, diesel engines, VHF radio communications, powerboat handling and sailing: theory and practical.

You'll also build the practical seamanship skills required for life onboard, including yacht maintenance, line handling, anchoring, watchkeeping and tender operations. Whether your ambition is to work aboard performance sailing yachts crossing oceans, luxury cruising yachts in the Mediterranean, or world-class motor yachts operating globally, this programme provides the strong technical foundation that captains and recruiters value. By combining practical training with internationally recognised certifications, you'll graduate as a capable, versatile and highly employable crew member, ready to begin a rewarding career in one of the world's most exciting industries.

This course is ideal for individuals who are serious about developing the technical expertise, seamanship and internationally recognised qualifications needed to build a long-term career in the global

Superyacht industry. Whether your goal is to join a prestigious sailing yacht, or simply become one of the most capable crew members onboard, this course provides the knowledge, skills and confidence to help you achieve it.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT GETTING AN ENTRY-LEVEL JOB—IT'S ABOUT BUILDING PROFESSIONAL MARINERS.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS COURSE?

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- RYA Competent Crew (sail)
 - RYA Day Skipper Theory
 - RYA Day Skipper Practical (sail)
 - RYA Yachtmaster Coastal/Offshore Theory
 - Superyacht Deckhand Course
 - Advanced Deckhand Course
 - Introduction to Efficient Deckhand Theory
 - RYA Powerboat Level II
 - RYA Personal Watercraft
 - RYA Radar
 - RYA Tender Operator
 - RYA Diesel Engine
 - Outboard Motor Maintenance
 - SAMSA SRC/VHF Radio
 - Introduction to Barista
 - STCW10 including DSD

ONLINE SUPERYACHT RESOURCE HUB

(6 month subscription included)

- A community-based learning platform offering online courses, knowledge testing and industry insight.
- Access a rich library of yachting resources, updated regularly.
- Connect, communicate, share and collaborate with other yacht crew through chat groups.
- Keep valuable course / vessel notes in one convenient platform and at your fingertips.
- Daily global news updates.
- Download materials offline and access them anytime, anywhere!

(You will automatically be notified 2 weeks before the end of your subscription and will be given the choice to extend your subscription)

- **Superyacht Training Academy Golf Shirt**
- **Consultation and Industry Advice**
- **Visa and Yachting CV Guidance**
- **Course Manuals**

EXTRA COSTS:

- Transport from Superyacht Training Academy to STCW courses: R800.00 (if needed)
- Accommodation during all shore-based courses: R550.00 per night (if needed)
- (Accommodation is dormitory style, self-catering facilities are available)
- Accommodation damages/loss and security tag refundable deposit: R500.00
- ENG1 Seafarer Medical Fitness Certificate (mandatory): Approx R4300.00

RYA COMPETENT CREW

5 DAYS

01 The RYA Competent Crew course is your first true introduction to life under sail and an essential stepping stone for anyone aspiring to work aboard sailing yachts. Combining practical seamanship with hands-on experience, this internationally recognised programme develops the confidence, knowledge and skills needed to become an active and valued member of a professional sailing crew.

Throughout the course, you'll live and train onboard, gaining invaluable insight into the routines, responsibilities and teamwork that define life at sea. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, you'll learn the fundamentals of sailing, including yacht terminology, sail handling, helming, rope work and knot tying, anchoring, man overboard procedures, emergency equipment, basic meteorology, wind awareness and night sailing. Every exercise is designed to build confidence while reinforcing the safe and efficient operation of a sailing yacht.

Living onboard for the duration of the course adds a unique dimension to your training, allowing you to experience the rhythm of life at sea while developing the practical skills expected of professional crew.



Accommodation onboard for four nights, together with a basic meal allowance covering breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard, is included in your course fee, ensuring you can focus entirely on learning, developing your seamanship and embracing the sailing lifestyle.

RYA DAY SKIPPER THEORY

6 DAYS

02 The RYA Day Skipper Theory course covers a comprehensive introduction to seamanship for competent crew to start making decisions onboard.

The course covers nautical terms, rope work, safety at sea, international regulations for preventing collisions at sea, definition of position, course and speed, navigational charts and publications, navigational drawing instruments, compass and chart work, tides and streams, visual aids to navigation, meteorology, passage planning and pilotage.

The RYA Day Skipper Theory course will take your navigation and theory knowledge to the standard required for the practical course.

(Students are required to bring a laptop to this course.)



RYA DAY SKIPPER PRACTICAL

5 DAYS

03 During the RYA Day Skipper Practical course students learn how to skipper a sailing vessel.

The course covers preparation for sea, safety briefing, navigation, pilotage, meteorology, rules of the road, maintenance and repair work, emergency situations, yacht handling under sail and power, passage making, man overboard and night sailing. Students are required to stay onboard for the duration of this course (4 nights).

Accommodation onboard and a basic meal stipend covering breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard is included in the course fee.

After successful completion of the RYA Day Skipper course, students receive their certification to skipper a small sailing vessel during daylight hours 20 miles from a nominated departure point. (The RYA Day Skipper licence issued under sail is not recognised for use on a power vessel).

The RYA Day Skipper licence is not valid for sailing in South Africa, it is only valid for sailing in International waters, should crew wish to obtain a licence to skipper a small sailing vessel in South African waters by daylight hours, we offer an optional add-on of the South African Sailing (SAS) theory and practical exam preparation and exams.
(Pricing for this option available on request)



RYA YACHTMASTER COASTAL/OFFSHORE THEORY

6 DAYS

04 This course equips you to navigate safely on coastal and offshore passages.

This course will cover:

- Position fixing
- Course shaping and plotting
- Tidal knowledge
- Use of almanacs
- Electronic position finding equipment
- Plotting weather systems
- Weather predictions using a barometer
- Collision regulations

***It is required that you have prior knowledge to the level of RYA Day Skipper Theory before you can begin this course**



DECKHAND COURSE

4 DAYS

05 Designed to meet the high standards of the global Superyacht industry, this hands-on programme equips you with the practical skills, professional mindset and attention to detail expected of today's Deckhands.

From maintaining immaculate yacht exteriors to supporting the safe operation of the vessel, you'll gain the confidence to contribute as a valued member of any deck crew from day one.

Throughout the course, you'll receive practical training in the core responsibilities of a professional Deckhand, including yacht washdowns, teak maintenance, detailing, woodwork and varnishing, as well as the correct selection and application of specialist maintenance products. You'll also learn how to identify and assess common wear and damage, helping to preserve the exceptional finish expected aboard luxury yachts.

Beyond vessel maintenance, you'll develop essential seamanship skills that form the foundation of everyday life on deck. Practical training includes line handling, anchoring procedures, navigational watchkeeping, guest arrival and departure protocols, and safe deck operations. These are the skills that captains and senior crew expect from professional Deckhands and are essential for building a successful career in the industry.

By the end of the programme, you'll have developed a strong understanding of professional deck operations, the discipline required to maintain a luxury yacht to world-class standards, and the confidence to take your first step into the exciting world of Superyachts.

ADVANCED DECKHAND COURSE

2 DAYS

06 The Advanced Deckhand Course has been designed for crew who have completed the 4 day Superyacht Deckhand Course and are ready to take the next step in their professional development. Delivered over two intensive days, this programme builds on your existing practical skills by introducing the more advanced technical knowledge and leadership responsibilities expected of experienced deck crew. It's the ideal course for those who are serious about progressing their career and standing out in the highly competitive Superyacht industry.

Throughout the course, you'll gain a deeper understanding of advanced deck operations, including product and crew management, rigging techniques, rope splicing, and mooring operations for both tenders and Superyachts. You'll also learn how to safely set up, operate and manage onboard water sports activities, while developing an understanding of the planning, communication and professionalism required to support a seamless guest experience.

In addition to technical training, the course provides valuable insight into the responsibilities of senior deck crew and the career progression pathway within the deck department. You'll explore what captains and senior officers expect from ambitious crew members, how to demonstrate initiative and leadership onboard, and the qualities that can help you progress from a junior Deckhand to more senior roles.

By expanding your knowledge beyond the fundamentals, the Advanced Deckhand Course enhances your professional profile, strengthens your CV and demonstrates your commitment to continuous development. In an industry where versatility, technical ability and a proactive attitude are highly valued, this course provides a distinct competitive advantage and helps position you as a stronger candidate for employment aboard luxury Superyachts.

INTRODUCTION TO EFFICIENT DECKHAND THEORY

5 DAYS

07 Exceptional Deckhands don't just know how to perform a task—they understand why it matters. This comprehensive theory programme has been developed to give aspiring crew members a competitive edge by building the knowledge and confidence expected of professional Deckhands working aboard today's luxury Superyachts.

Throughout the course, you'll develop a solid understanding of the principles that underpin safe and efficient deck operations. From international collision regulations and navigational buoyage systems to vessel identification, watchkeeping responsibilities and maritime safety, you'll gain the theoretical foundation that supports confident decision-making at sea. Combined with essential knowledge of weather, tides, mooring, docking, anchoring and modern maritime communication systems, you'll leave better prepared to contribute as a valued member of any professional deck team.

- Navigational watchkeeping principles and responsibilities
- International Collision Regulations (COLREGS)
- The International System of Buoyage (IALA)
- Vessel identification by day and night
- Basic meteorology and weather interpretation
- Tidal theory and its practical application
- Vessel safety procedures and emergency awareness
- GMDSS and modern maritime communication systems
- Vessel terminology and deck operations
- Mooring, docking and anchoring procedures

Whether you're preparing for your first position onboard or looking to strengthen your understanding of professional deck operations, this course provides the knowledge that will help you stand out with captains, recruiters and future employers. It's an investment in your confidence, your competence and your long-term career in the global Superyacht industry.

RYA POWERBOAT LEVEL II

2 DAYS

- 08** This course provides the skills and background knowledge needed to competently operate a powerboat. You will learn parts of the boat, types of craft, engine checks, boat control, boat handling, launch and recovery, rope work, turning, coming alongside, leaving, high speed manoeuvres, mooring buoys, anchoring, collision regulations, day shapes and lights, man overboard.



RYA PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

1 DAY

- 09** This is an industry standard course as 98% of Superyachts overseas have watercraft on board such as jet skis. You may know personal watercraft as jet skis. They are fast, agile and exhilarating machines that need to be operated safely and responsibly. The RYA PWC one day course is designed for both first time and experienced riders. The skills covered are launching, handling and recovering, high speed manoeuvres, collision regulations and much more. This course is designed to be fun and informative.

RYA RADAR

1 DAY

- 10** The RYA Radar Course is a practical one-day course designed to give students a clear understanding of radar as an essential aid to navigation and collision avoidance at sea.

Intended for those operating yachts, motor cruisers and other small craft, the course introduces students to the principles of marine radar and, importantly, how to interpret and use radar information effectively in real-world situations.

During the course, you will learn how a radar set works, how its controls and adjustments affect the information displayed, the different types of radar display, target identification and radar plotting.

You will also explore the practical use of radar for navigation, position fixing and collision avoidance, helping you make safer and more informed decisions while underway.

OUTBOARD MOTOR MAINTENANCE

1 DAY

- 11** This course has been designed to give you a good working knowledge of both two-stroke and four-stroke outboard motors, how to maintain them in peak operating condition and how to identify and resolve the most common problems related to these motors.

The course covers the key differences between two-stroke and four-stroke outboard motors, parts of a four-stroke and two-stroke engine, the four-stroke and two-stroke engine cycle, basic trouble shooting and maintenance.

RYA DIESEL ENGINE

1 DAY

12 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.

SAMSA SRC/VHF RADIO

1 DAY

13 The SRC (short range certificate) course is for anyone who wishes to use a fixed or handheld marine VHF radio.

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)

INTRODUCTION TO BARISTA

2 HOURS

- 14** A theory and practical training course where students understand the details of coffee making, machines, milk techniques and the growing of coffee.

STCW10 INCLUDING DSD

10 DAYS

- 15** STCW stands for Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping. The STCW course is mandatory for anyone working commercially at sea.

This course covers the following:

- STCW Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting
- STCW Personal Survival Techniques
- STCW Personal Safety and Social Responsibility
- STCW Elementary First Aid
- STCW Designated Security Duties (DSD)



BENEFITS

- 01** Gain the skills and qualifications demanded of crew in a Deckhand role.
- 02** Be prepared for employment as a Deckhand onboard yachts and Superyachts around the world.
- 03** No food or accommodation costs once you are employed onboard a Superyacht, this is money in your pocket!

**POTENTIALLY
EARN:
€2500/\$2500
PER MONTH TAX
FREE, PLUS TIPS,
FROM THE START.**



QUALIFICATIONS

UPON COURSE COMPLETION

- 01** RYA COMPETENT CREW
- 02** RYA DAY SKIPPER THEORY
- 03** RYA DAY SKIPPER PRACTICAL
- 04** RYA YACHTMASTER COASTAL / OFFSHORE THEORY
- 05** SUPERYACHT DECKHAND COURSE
- 06** ADVANCED DECKHAND COURSE
- 07** INTRODUCTION TO EFFICIENT DECKHAND THEORY
- 08** OUTBOARD MOTOR MAINTENANCE
- 09** RYA POWERBOAT LEVEL II
- 10** RYA PWC (JET SKI)
- 11** RYA RADAR
- 12** RYA TENDER OPERATOR
- 13** RYA DIESEL ENGINE
- 14** SAMSA SRC/VHF RADIO
- 15** INTRODUCTION TO BARISTA
- 16** STCW FIRE PREVENTION & FIRE FIGHTING
- 17** STCW PERSONAL SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES
- 18** STCW PERSONAL SAFETY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- 19** STCW ELEMENTARY FIRST AID
- 20** STCW DESIGNATED SECURITY DUTIES (DSD)

