

DECK/ STEW CAREER COURSE

At Ocean Star Sailing Academy, we don't just prepare you to gain a qualification. We prepare you to launch a career in one of the world's most exclusive industries.

Our Superyacht Deck/Stew Career Course has been carefully designed for ambitious individuals who are ready to take the first step towards working onboard luxury yachts.

Combining internationally recognised certifications with specialist interior crew 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: R64 795.00 | Duration: 33 Days

This course is ideal for anyone who is:



Exploring career options
in the yachting industry



Wanting to travel and
explore new horizons



Completing Matric
or tertiary education



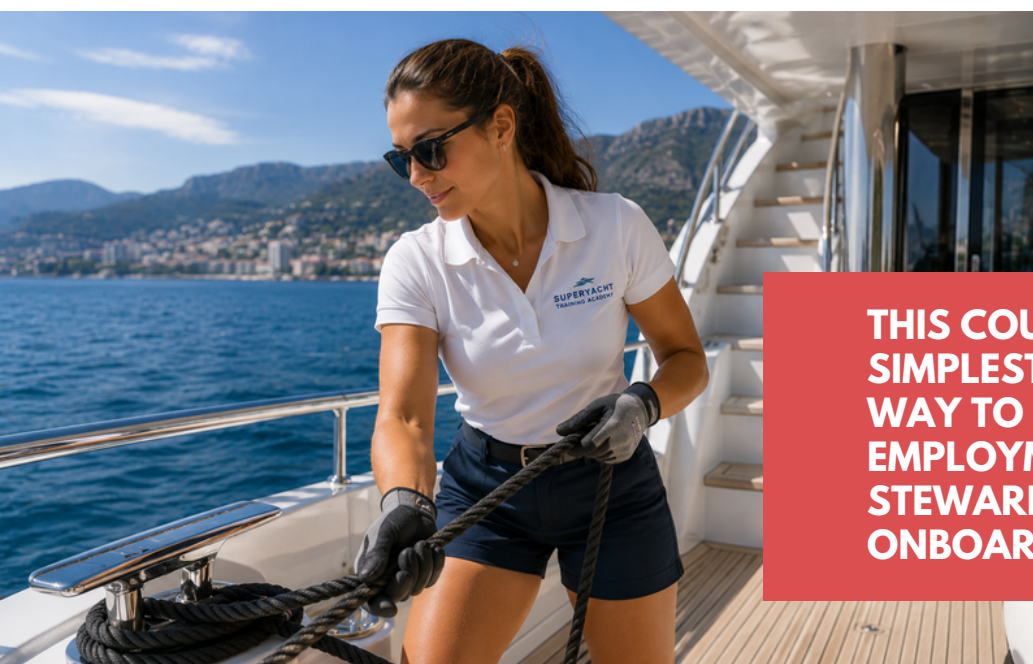
Wanting to land a well-paying
entry level job in the Superyacht
industry

THE DECK/ STEW

The Superyacht Training Academy Deck/Stew Career Course has been designed for individuals who want to maximise their opportunities in the global Superyacht industry.

By combining professional deck operations with luxury interior service training, this programme develops the versatile skills that many captains and recruiters actively seek. Whether you're assisting with guest arrivals, handling lines on deck or delivering exceptional interior service, you'll graduate with the confidence and practical experience to contribute across multiple departments onboard. A successful Deck/Stew is adaptable, professional and thrives in a fast-paced environment where no two days are the same.

This role demands a strong work ethic, attention to detail, excellent teamwork and a genuine commitment to delivering world-class guest experiences, both on deck and within the yacht's interior. If you're looking for an exciting international career that combines travel, adventure and luxury hospitality, this course provides the ideal foundation to launch your journey in one of the world's most rewarding industries.



**THIS COURSE OFFERS THE
SIMPLEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE
WAY TO GAIN ENTRY LEVEL
EMPLOYMENT AS A STEWARD,
STEWARDESS OR DECK/STEW
ONBOARD YACHTS OF ALL SIZES.**

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS COURSE?

- **Superyacht Deckhand Course**
- **Superyacht Steward/Stewardess Course**
- **Introduction to Efficient Deckhand Theory**
- **Outboard Motor Maintenance**
- **RYA Powerboat Level II**
- **RYA Personal Watercraft**
- **RYA Radar**
- **SAMSA SRC/VHF Radio**
- **Food Safety Level II**
- **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

SUPERYACHT DECKHAND COURSE

4 DAYS

01 The exterior of a Superyacht is a constant reflection of its crew. Every polished surface, perfectly coiled line and immaculate teak deck speaks to the professionalism and attention to detail of the team responsible for maintaining it.

This immersive four-day course introduces you to the practical skills, discipline and work ethic expected of a professional Deckhand, giving you the confidence to contribute from your very first day onboard.

During this course you will gain practical experience in:

- Yacht exterior washdowns and detailing
- Teak cleaning, maintenance and restoration
- Surface repairs and the correct selection and application of maintenance products
- Woodwork and varnishing techniques
- Line handling and rope work
- Anchoring procedures
- Navigational watchkeeping
- Guest arrival and departure protocols
- Safe and professional deck operations
- Working to the presentation standards expected aboard luxury Superyachts

More than simply learning tasks, you'll begin to develop the mindset of a professional crew member. Precision, teamwork, situational awareness and pride in your work are qualities that distinguish exceptional Deckhands, and these are embedded throughout your training.

By combining practical experience with industry best practice, you'll leave with the skills, confidence and professionalism to make a strong first impression with captains, recruiters and future employers.

STEWARD/ESS COURSE

5 DAYS

02 This course has been carefully crafted to give each aspiring crew member the best tuition and the result is a certificate that grants students access into the Superyacht Industry. Our qualifications are recognised internationally and will hugely increase opportunities for placement once students have graduated.

This course covers the following:

- History of luxury Superyachts
- Yacht terminology
- Working on Superyachts – where to go and when to go, how to find a job
- Agencies and accommodation
- Passports and visas
- What the job offers – salaries
- Flags, structure of the crew and job descriptions, time rosters and checklists
- Contracts and obligations
- Living onboard – what to take with you and staying healthy
- Professional etiquette, protocol and presentation
- Table management – placements and settings, silver service, serving and clearing
- Styles of service, courses and order of service, buffets
- Yacht Steward/Stewardess style
- Cocktail making
- Wine appreciation
- Flower arranging, including a practical assignment
- Stowage, packing hazards, international regulations and dietary requirements
- Introduction to nautical terminology and essential safety procedures
- Laundry, ironing and folding techniques, detailing and maintaining the yacht interior, provisioning and storage
- Guest care, valet services and confidentiality

INTRODUCTION TO EFFICIENT DECKHAND THEORY

5 DAYS

03 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

- 04** 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

- 05** 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

- 06** 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

- 07** 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.

SAMSA SRC/VHF RADIO

1 DAY

08 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.

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)



DID YOU KNOW?

IT IS ILLEGAL TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A HAND-HELD VHF RADIO WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE

FOOD HEALTH & SAFETY LEVEL II

1 DAY

09 Under the British Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006), all ships cooks, catering staff and others processing food in the galley are required to be suitably qualified in Food Hygiene or Food Safety in Catering.

The Level II award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF) is aimed at chefs, stewardesses and all food handlers. The award is intended for learners already working on yachts and those who are preparing to work in the industry.

The aim of this award is to provide individuals with knowledge of the basic food safety practices, the hazards and risks of food safety presented by food operations and personnel, together with cost effective, practical control measures.

Learners gaining this award will know that food safety is the responsibility of everyone involved in the storage, preparation, cooking, service and handling of food.

(Students are required to bring a laptop or tablet to this course, the final exam is completed online)

INTRODUCTION TO BARISTA

2 HOURS

10 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

11 DAYS

11 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 Steward, Stewardess or Deck/Stew role.
- 02** Be prepared for employment as a Steward, Stewardess or Deck/Stew 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** SUPERYACHT DECKHAND COURSE
- 02** SUPERYACHT STEWARD/ESS COURSE
- 03** INTRODUCTION TO EFFICIENT DECKHAND THEORY
- 04** OUTBOARD MOTOR MAINTENANCE
- 05** RYA POWERBOAT LEVEL II
- 06** RYA PWC (JET SKI)
- 07** RYA RADAR
- 08** SAMSA SRC/VHF RADIO
- 09** FOOD SAFETY LEVEL II
- 10** INTRODUCTION TO BARISTA
- 11** STCW FIRE PREVENTION & FIRE FIGHTING
- 12** STCW PERSONAL SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES
- 13** STCW PERSONAL SAFETY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- 14** STCW ELEMENTARY FIRST AID
- 15** STCW DESIGNATED SECURITY DUTIES (DSD)

This course is your ideal entry point into this eye-opening, ultimately luxurious industry!

Are you getting onboard?

