

SUPERYACHT DECKHAND CAREER COURSE

At Superyacht Training 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 Deckhand 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: R51 485.00 | Duration: 27 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

A successful Deckhand is dependable, adaptable and takes pride in maintaining the highest standards onboard. While the practical skills required to work on deck can be taught, professionalism, a strong work ethic and a willingness to learn are the qualities that truly set exceptional crew apart. Every day presents new challenges, requiring confidence, teamwork and the ability to perform with precision in a dynamic environment.

Working on the deck of a luxury Superyacht demands responsibility, self-discipline and meticulous attention to detail. From maintaining the yacht to world-class standards and supporting safe vessel operations to assisting guests with professionalism and discretion, every task contributes to the overall onboard experience.

If you're passionate about adventure, travel and developing a rewarding international career, life as a Superyacht Deckhand offers an exciting opportunity to explore the world while working alongside highly skilled professional crews.



**THIS COURSE OFFERS THE
SIMPLEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE
WAY TO GAIN ENTRY LEVEL
EMPLOYMENT AS A DECKHAND
ONBOARD YACHTS OF ALL SIZES.**

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS COURSE?

- **Superyacht Deckhand Course**
- **Introduction to Efficient Deckhand Theory**
- **RYA Powerboat Level II**
- **RYA Personal Watercraft**
- **RYA Radar**
- **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

DECKHAND COURSE

4 DAYS

01 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 superyachting.

INTRODUCTION TO EFFICIENT DECKHAND THEORY

5 DAYS

02 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

- 03** 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

- 04** 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

- 05** 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

- 06** 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

07 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

INTRODUCTION TO BARISTA

2 HOURS

- 08** 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

- 09** 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** SUPERYACHT DECKHAND COURSE
- 02** INTRODUCTION TO EFFICIENT DECKHAND THEORY
- 03** OUTBOARD MOTOR MAINTENANCE
- 04** RYA POWERBOAT LEVEL II
- 05** RYA PWC (JET SKI)
- 06** RYA RADAR
- 07** SAMSA SRC/VHF RADIO
- 08** INTRODUCTION TO BARISTA
- 09** STCW FIRE PREVENTION & FIRE FIGHTING
- 10** STCW PERSONAL SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES
- 11** STCW PERSONAL SAFETY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- 12** STCW ELEMENTARY FIRST AID
- 13** STCW DESIGNATED SECURITY DUTIES (DSD)

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

Are you getting onboard?

