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San Marino Policy Letter

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San Marino Ship Register SMSR

**Limited Certificate of Competency for Yacht Master and
Navigational Officer Coastal**

TO: Recognised Organisations, Shipowners (Company), Managers, Masters, Seafarers, SMSR partners, SMSR brokers, Surveyors, and the general public.



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Definitions

Coastal voyage: a voyage in which the unit does not stray more than 70 miles from a landfall;

Certificate of Competence (hereinafter also CoC for the sake of brevity): certificate of competence entitled “Commercial Yachts Master”, for coastal voyages;

Commercial yacht master: person licensed to command commercial yachts up to 500 GT (gross tonnage), for coastal voyages;

International Convention STCW 78/95 (International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers): International Convention on Standards of Training and Certification for Seafarers;

Maritime Education and Training Centres: the centres where specialised courses, provided for by the STCW Convention, are held for maritime personnel providing specialised training courses on the basis of the training requirements set out in the STCW Convention and related Code, recognised by the Authority on the basis of the results of an Audit, in accordance with the principles of ISO standardisation rules and with the procedures established by the Authority.



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Foreword

Pleasure yachts in commercial use (engaged in trade) shall comply at all times with the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended (STCW 78/95).

San Marino delegated decree n. 75 of 3 May 2022 establishes minimum standards for a Certificate of Competency (CoC) for Yacht Masters and Navigational Officers employed on coastal navigation, up to 70 nautical miles from a sheltered place.

This limited coastal CoC follows the principles of the STCW 78/95 convention and has been notified to the General Secretariat of the IMO, in accordance with the related procedure.

Recreational crafts used for commercial purposes, up to 500 GT, used for the transport of up to 12 passengers, may be skippered by Masters holding Certificates of Competence in accordance with the requirements set out in San Marino delegated decree n. 75 of 3 May 2022.

The Certificate of Competence as Commercial Yacht Master (in Command and Control of Commercial Yachts up to 500GT) is issued according to the criteria of the International Convention STCW 78/95, as amended, as a Certificate equivalent to the Certificate of Competence for Masters qualified for navigation in coastal voyages in line with the principles of Article IX and Regulation II/3 of the Convention.

Such Certificate is issued, on the form provided for within the STCW Convention, by the San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority and is notified to the IMO, pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 2 of the STCW Convention.

Requirements for obtaining a Commercial Yacht Master CoC are defined by Art. 4 and 5 of San Marino delegated decree n. 75 of 3 May 2022.

As per Art. 6 of the aforementioned Delegated Decree, Personnel holding the title of “Master of Commercial Yachts” for units up to 24 metres in length may embark as navigating officers, on watch duty, on vessels over 24 metres in length, up to 500 GT.



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As set out in Art. 8 of the aforementioned Delegated Decree, The Certificate of Competence will remain valid for 5 years, if during this period at least 1 year of actual navigation has been carried out on board merchant ships or commercial yachts engaged in coastal voyages. The Certificate of Competence will have to be reconfirmed in connection with the periodic validity of the training courses provided for in Article 4, paragraph 2, as stipulated in the STCW International Convention.

Training centres

San Marino has not authorised any designated schools or training centres. Therefore, the courses envisaged by article 4, paragraph 2 of decree no. 75, shall be carried out at training centres authorised by IMO Member States who have ratified the STCW convention.

At the request of the interested parties, the exams can be carried out at nautical schools, specialized nautical agencies, and in any other location deemed suitable by the Administration.

Request to issue limited Certificates of Competency with equivalent training by a Member State who ratified the STCW Convention shall be evaluated by the Administration case by case.

Training fees amount to € 1'000.

For additional information, please refer to San Marino Ship Register at stcw@smsr.sm



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Annex I – Learning Requirements

Master and navigational officer on yachts of less of 500 gross tonnage, engaged in near coastal navigation up to 70 NM from a Landfall

1. Introduction

a) San Marino Decree n. 75 dated 3 May 2022, establishes the minimum requirements for masters and navigational officers employed on board yachts engaged in coastal navigation, up to 70 miles from a landfall.

The same decree envisages, in article 7, an examination which shall be performed by an examining board.

b) The examination programme follows the approved learning requirements outlined by this Policy Letter, which have been developed following the criteria of the STCW Convention, Regulation II/3 and Code, part A.

c) The training courses may be carried out by training centres authorized by the San Marino Maritime Authority or other Maritime Administrations which are members of the STCW convention. The training courses shall be developed according to STCW Code A, Chapter VI.

2. Programme to be developed by authorised schools and training centres

Syllabus	Indented learning outcome	Teaching and learning activities
a) Plan and conduct and determine position	Ability to use nautical charts, identify ship's position by landmark and recognise the coastline. Prepare a sea passage plan considering the VTS and weather conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercises using nautical charts and case studies on preparing a sea passage plan;• Use of navigation and meteorological instruments
b) Maintain a safe navigational watch	Ability to maintain the command of the watch through the knowledge of navigation rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentations• Case study, using examples of navigation in



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		VTS areas
c) Respond to emergencies	Ability to manage emergency situations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations • Case study, using IAMSAR manual
d) Manoeuvre the ship and operate small ship power plant	Ability to manoeuvre the ship in different situations, taking into account engine power and environmental factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations • Case study on anchoring and mooring the ship
e) Pollution Prevention	Knowledge on how to prevent pollution considering the guidelines of the MARPOL Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations • Case studies on the different kinds of pollution and on how to prevent it
f) Stability and seaworthiness	Knowledge of the nautical behaviour of the vessel on route under the effects of sea state and of the load distribution on board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations • Case studies on different cargo plans and technical terminology
g) Firefighting protection	Ability to manage different types of fire situations on board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the different types of fire and management
h) Operate lifesaving appliances	Ability to operate lifesaving appliances avoiding injuries and accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on lifesaving appliances and management
i) Medical aid	Knowledge of medical guides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on different accidents or illnesses likely to occur on board
j) Legislative requirements	Knowledge of the main International Conventions and Port State Control procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on International Conventions



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3. Syllabus – Reference STCW, Code A II/3

a) Navigation:

- The ability to determine the ship's position by the use of landmarks, aids to navigation such as lighthouses, beacons, buoys. Dead reckoning, taking into account winds, tides, currents and estimated speed.
- Knowledge and ability to use nautical charts and publications, such as sailing directions, tide tables, notices to mariners, radio navigational warnings, ship's routing information, reporting to VTS procedures.
- Voyage planning and navigation for all conditions by acceptable methods of plotting coastal tracks, taking into account, for example, restricted waters, meteorological conditions, restricted visibility, traffic separation schemes, vessel traffic service (VTS) areas, areas with extensive tidal effects.
- Ability to operate safely and determine the ship's position by use of all navigational aids and equipment commonly fitted on board the ships concerned.
- Knowledge of the errors and corrections of magnetic compass, using terrestrial means.
- Knowledge of automatic pilot system and procedures for change over, from manual to automatic control and vice versa. Adjustment of control for optimum performance.
- Ability to use and interpret information obtained from shipborne meteorological instruments.
- Knowledge of the characteristics of the various weather system reporting procedures and recording systems.
- Ability to apply the meteorological information available.

b) Maintain a safe navigational watch

- Knowledge of the international regulation for preventing collision at sea as amended.
- Knowledge of the principles to be observed in keeping a navigational watch.
- Use of routing in accordance with the general provision on ship's routing.
- Use of reporting in accordance with the general principles for ships reporting systems and with VTS procedures.

c) Respond to emergencies

- precautions for the protection and safety of passengers in emergency situations.



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- action to be taken following collision, grounding, fire and abandon ship, ship's towing, rescuing persons from the sea, assisting vessels in distress, action to be taken when emergencies arise in port.
 - assessment of damage and damage control.
 - Respond to a distress signal at sea: knowledge of the Manual IAMSAR (search and rescue).
- d) Manoeuvre the ship and operate small ship power plant**
- Knowledge of factors affecting safe manoeuvring and handling.
 - The operation of small ship power plants and auxiliaries.
 - Proper procedures for anchoring and mooring.
- e) Pollution prevention**
- Knowledge of the precautions to be taken to prevent pollution of the marine environment.
 - Antipollution procedure and all associated equipment.
- f) Stability and seaworthiness**
- Working knowledge and application of stability, trim and stress tables, diagrams, and stress-calculating equipment.
 - Understanding of fundamental actions to be taken in the event of partial loss of intact buoyancy.
 - Understanding of the fundamentals of watertight integrity.
 - General knowledge of the principal structural members of a ship and the proper names for the various parts.
- g) Firefighting protection**
- Ability to organize a fire drill.
 - Knowledge of classes and chemistry of fire.
 - Knowledge of fire-fighting systems.
 - Understanding of action to be taken in the event of fire in different cases.
- h) Operate lifesavings appliances**
- Ability to organise abandon ship drills.



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- knowledge of the operation of survival craft and rescue boats, their launching appliances and arrangements.
- Equipment, including radio life-saving appliances, satellite EPIRBs, SARTs, immersion suits and thermal protective aids.

i) Medical aid

- Practical application of medical guides and advice by radio, including the ability to take effective action based on such knowledge in the case of accidents or illnesses that are likely to occur on board ship.

j) Legislative requirements

- Basic working knowledge of the relevant IMO conventions concerning safety of life at sea, security, protection of the marine environment.
- Knowledge of Port State Control procedures.
- Knowledge of the principles of the “Safety management system”.
- Knowledge of the principles of the “Ship Security”.

4. Training courses to be attended according to STCW – Code, Part. A, Ch.VI

- Basic and advanced firefighting;
- Survival at sea;
- GMDSS (restricted operator certificate - ROC);
- Radar Base and ARPA;
- PSSR – personal safety and social responsibility;
- Ship security Officer;
- First Aid medical care;
- ECDIS (if the ship is fitted by ECDIS system)

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