

STCW II/I Officer of the Watch (OOW) Unlimited Certification for Experienced Seafarers

This course enables experienced seafarers to achieve STCW Officer of the Watch certification through the examination route. Candidates will receive tuition and assessment in HNC (Nautical Science) modules, EDH, NAEST and HELM (operational courses); as well as preparation for the SQA examinations in 'Navigation' and 'Stability & Operations', and MCA signals & oral examinations.

Candidates will undertake a two-term course of study with continuous assessment and end-of-course tests in most subjects, plus two written examinations in 'Navigation' and 'Stability & Operations' conducted by the Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) on behalf of the UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA). Successful candidates are awarded a Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Nautical Science.

Course start dates

18 September 2023
15 January 2024
7 May 2024

Please note for those with prior yacht experience there is a specific version of the course starting in October.

Course fee

Course Tuition Fee: £8,350.00 (2023/24)
HNC Nautical Science, MCA Signals, Oral Preparations, EDH, NAEST(O), NTP, HELM(O)
and ECDIS

Course pre-requisites

Candidates should have a minimum of 36 months' sea service (including 6 months Bridge watchkeeping duties). *Overseas students are required to hold an English language qualification such as IELTS (UKVI SELT) 4.0 overall with a minimum of 4.0 in each component, or equivalent.*

Short courses

Candidates must also hold valid STCW certificates in:

- [Medical First Aid](#)
- [Advanced Fire Fighting](#)
- [Proficiency in Survival Craft & Rescue Boats](#)
- [GMDSS General Operators Certificate](#)

If not already held, these courses can be undertaken with Warsash outside of the main course dates and fees can be seen on the above links. In addition, a personal medical fitness certificate recognised by the MCA must be held before taking their MCA Orals.

Course duration

This course is delivered across two-terms plus MCA orals, and includes HNC tuition and associated assessments, NAEST(O), HELM(O), ECDIS & EDH courses, SQA examination preparation and MCA signals & orals preparation.

Course content

- HNC (Nautical Science) modules in Bridge Management, Maritime Trade & Transport, Law, Navigation, Ship Operations, Stability and Ship Construction.
- SQA preparation for 'Navigation' and 'Stability & Operations' papers
- MCA Signals Preparation/Examination and MCA Orals Preparation
- Electronic Chart Display & Information Systems (ECDIS)
- Navigation Aids & Equipment Simulator Training (Operational Level) - NAEST(O)
- Human Element, Leadership & Management (Operational Level) - HELM(O)
- Efficient Deck Hand - EDH

Funding

This course is eligible for funding from Student Finance England (for home students living in the UK), more information can be found at: <https://www.solent.ac.uk/finance/paying-your-fees> and <https://www.solent.ac.uk/finance/tuition-fees>

British seafarers are also encouraged to explore the Slater Scholarship: <https://www.marine-society.org/slater-scholarship>

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