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To Whom It May Concern

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is the regulatory body for the maritime sector in the UK and is an agency of the UK Department of Transport.

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) is recognised by the UK government as the national governing body for sailing, power boating, motor cruising, personal watercraft and as a key stakeholder in inland waterways. Responsibility for issuing certificates of competence for sail and power vessels is given to the RYA by the British Government through the MCA.

The RYA is authorised to qualify examiners, provide examinations, and issue certificates. The MCA accepts the following RYA qualifications for use on yachts of less than 200 GT for areas specified on the certificate.

- Yachtmaster™ Ocean certificate of competence*
- Yachtmaster™ Offshore certificate of competence*
- Yachtmaster™ Coastal* (previously known as Coastal Skipper certificate of competence)
- Day Skipper Practical certificate*
- Advanced Powerboat certificate of competence*
- Powerboat Level 2 certificate*
- Day Skipper shorebased certificate
- Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster™ Offshore shorebased certificate
- Yachtmaster™ Ocean shorebased certificate
- Marine Radio Short Range certificate (SRC)
- Basic Sea Survival certificate
- First Aid certificate
- Diesel Engine certificate
- International Certificate of Competence for operators of pleasure craft (ICC)



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Note* - Commercial endorsements may be added to these certificates to enable their professional use in relation to UK codes of practice for small commercial vessels.

MCA advises the Owner, Manager or Master to check the certification requirements of the local Coastal State prior to entering their jurisdiction.

The RYA also accredits training centres which provide training towards these qualifications. RYA examinations are conducted independently of the training centres to ensure the integrity of these qualifications.

The MCA conducts regular audits of the RYA and its processes to ensure compliance with requirements.

Should there be any question over the authenticity or validity of a specific RYA qualification please contact the RYA directly at certification@rya.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



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