



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Marine Notice No. 14 of 2017

Certificates of competence issued to holders of the Naval Coxswains certificates

TO SAMS EXAMINERS, REGISTRAR OF SEAFARERS, NAVAL OFFICERS AND RATINGS, AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Marine Notice No 19 of 2008 is cancelled

Summary

This marine notice advises that the training program for coxswains (naval) conducted by the South African Navy, in accordance with the program developed in collaboration with SAMS, satisfies the requirements for the issue of a certificate of competence in terms of the *Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007*.

1. SAMS has reviewed the South African Naval training program and considers that it meets the certification requirements in terms of Regulation 16 read with Regulation 2 of the *Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007*. With effect from the date of issue of this marine notice, SAMS will issue small vessel certificates of competence on the basis of naval coxswain qualifications issued by the Navy Diving Centre at SAS Simonsberg, only.
2. Where previous up to 6m boat coxswain certificates are presented to SAMS for conversion, the individual must first approach the Navy Diving Centre at SAS Simonsberg to upgrade the Naval qualification, before approaching SAMS.
3. The naval training programme has 3 classes of coxswains:
 - a. Boat Coxswain up to 7 metres in length (twin or single engine) Part 1
 - b. Boat Coxswain up to 7 metres in length (twin or single engine) Part 2
 - c. Boat Coxswain up to 15 metres in length (twin or single engine) Part 2
4. These classes are based on the experiential training provided by the South African Navy on vessels of the stated lengths. The length of the vessel and the qualification issued by the navy are clearly stated on the certificate.
5. A candidate for a naval coxswain certificate has to meet the following requirements:
 - a. **Boat Coxswain up to 7 metres in length — Part 1**
 - (i) Minimum age 18 years old
 - (ii) Be proficient in the English language in accordance with naval policy
 - (iii) Be medically fit in accordance to standards laid out by the navy
 - (iv) Be of the minimum rank of able seafarer (deck)
 - (v) Have completed 20 weeks basic naval training which includes seamanship

- (vi) Have completed a 4 week coxswain training course (Part 1) at the naval Diving Centre

b. Boat Coxswain up to 7 metres in length — Part 2

- (i) Minimum age 18 years old
(ii) Be proficient in the English language in accordance with naval policy
(iii) Be medically fit in accordance to standards laid out by the navy
(iv) Be of the minimum rank of able seafarer (deck)
(v) Have completed 20 weeks basic naval training which includes seamanship
(vi) Have completed a 4 week coxswain training course (Part 1) at the naval Diving Centre
(vii) Have completed an 8 week coxswain training course (Part 2) at the naval Diving Centre

c. Boat Coxswain up to 15 metres in length — Part 2

- (i) Minimum age 18 years old
(ii) Be proficient in the English language in accordance with naval policy
(iii) Be medically fit in accordance to standards laid out by the navy
(iv) Be of the minimum rank of able seafarer (deck)
(v) Have completed 20 weeks basic naval training which includes seamanship
(vi) Have completed a 4 week coxswain training course (Part 1) at the naval Diving Centre
(vii) Have completed an 8 week coxswain training course (Part 2) at the naval Diving Centre

6. These are the equivalent small vessel certificates of competence that may be issued under the *Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007*.

Naval coxswain certificate	Equivalent SAMSA certificate
Boat Coxswain up to 7 m in length. Part 1	Day Skipper ≤9metres, restricted to 15 nautical miles
Boat Coxswain up to 7 m in length. Part 2	Day Skipper ≤9metres, restricted to 40 nautical miles
Boat Coxswain up to 15 metres in length. Part 2	Coastal Skipper >9metres, restricted to 40 nautical miles
	Coastal Skipper >9metres, restricted to 40 nautical miles, the candidate must pass an oral examination with SAMSA covering the following material: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal implications and content of the <i>Merchant Shipping Act, No. 57 of 1951</i>, as it applies to vessels under 25 GT and pleasure vessels of under 100GT; • Contents of the <i>Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007</i>; • Prevention of pollution of the sea by oil, plastics and garbage; • Drug and alcohol policy as stated in the <i>Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007</i>; and • Preparing a vessel for a safety survey

7. An application for an equivalent certificate must be in accordance with the form in Annex 1. Examples of the form of certificates are given in Annex 2, 3, 4 and 5.

8. Only certificates issued by the navy ***Diving Centre at SAS Simonsberg*** will be recognized by SAMSA. *The naval bridge watchkeeping certificate is not recognized* under the terms of this marine notice.

9. SAMSAs reserves the right to interview any candidate to confirm competence for the issue of a certificate covered by this marine notice.

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ANNEX 1

ROTATION NUMBER:

**APPLICATION FOR THE EXAMINATION FOR A SMALL VESSEL CERTIFICATE OF
COMPETENCY WITH NAVAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY**

A. PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

Surname:

First names:

Date of birth: Country of birth:

Nationality:

Height: Eye colour: Hair colour:

Permanent address:

Telephone No.:

Current certificate held: No.

The following original documentation must be submitted with the application

- 1) Valid Identity Document and 2 passport-size photographs.
- 2) Certificate of pass from the navy showing the level for which the coxswain has been declared competent, *issued by the SAS Simonsberg Diving Centre.*
- 3) Valid First Aid Certificate issued by the South African Navy (for vessels over 9 metres in length).
- 4) Valid survival craft certificate issued by the South African Navy (for vessels over 9 metres in length.)
- 5) Valid naval fire-fighting certificate issued by the South African Navy (for vessels over 9 metres in length).
- 6) Valid Naval Medical Certificate.
- 7) Valid SAMSA or Naval eyesight test.
- 8) Operators Certificate or SRC Certificate
- 9) The prescribed fee.

B. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee received: Receipt No.: Date:

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Signature of candidate

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Signature of person receiving the fee

I hereby certify that I have audited the documents provided by the candidate and the South African Navy and am satisfied that the naval coxswain training programme has been completed and that the particulars contained herein are correct.

The candidate has/has not* passed an oral examination conducted by the undersigned.

*(Delete as appropriate)

The candidate may be issued with a certificate of competence as follows:

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Additional endorsements

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Issued at this day of

.....
EXAMINER

.....
NAME OF EXAMINER

ANNEX 2



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CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE

Certificate Number

SVC-9000001-S

Issued To

NON SUCH PERSON

ID/Passport Number

5559 5559 555

This certificate is issued by the South African Maritime Safety Authority on behalf of the Government of South Africa in terms of the Merchant Shipping Act 1951, (Act No. 57 of 1951, as amended).

Dated at Pretoria DD MMMM YYYY

for CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Type and Category of Vessels Involved
CATEGORY C VESSELS <9M AND ANY NON PASSENGER VESSEL ON INLAND WATERS IN SOUTH AFRICA, DAY OR NIGHT

Level of Competence

'DAY SKIPPER OF A POWER DRIVEN VESSEL LIMITED TO 15 NAUTICAL MILE FROM SHORE; PROCEEDING TO SEA FROM A COMMERCIAL HARBOUR, FISHING HARBOUR, OR A PROTECTED LAUNCH SITE.'

Additional Endorsement/s

NIL

Date of Test
DD MMMM YYYY

Examination Authority
South African Navy

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for CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Type and Category of Vessels Involved
CATEGORY B VESSELS <9M AND ANY NON PASSENGER VESSEL ON INLAND WATERS IN SOUTH AFRICA, DAY OR NIGHT

Level of Competence
'DAY SKIPPER OF A POWER DRIVEN VESSEL LIMITED TO 40 NAUTICAL MILE FROM SHORE; PROCEEDING TO SEA FROM A COMMERCIAL HARBOUR, FISHING HARBOUR, OR A PROTECTED LAUNCH SITE.'

Additional Endorsement/s

Nil

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for CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Type and Category of Vessels Involved
CATEGORY B VESSELS <9M AND ANY NON PASSENGER VESSEL ON INLAND WATERS IN SOUTH AFRICA, DAY OR NIGHT

Level of Competence
'COASTAL SKIPPER LIMITED TO 40 NAUTICAL MILE FROM SHORE; PROCEEDING TO SEA FROM A COMMERCIAL HARBOUR, FISHING HARBOUR, OR A PROTECTED LAUNCH SITE.'

Additional Endorsement/s
Nil

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for CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Type and Category of Vessels Involved

CATEGORY B COMMERCIAL VESSEL \geq 9M, AND ANY NON PASSENGER VESSEL ON INLAND WATERS IN SOUTH AFRICA, DAY OR NIGHT

Level of Competence

'COASTAL SKIPPER OF A POWER DRIVEN VESSEL LIMITED TO 40 NAUTICAL MILE FROM SHORE; PROCEEDING TO SEA FROM A COMMERCIAL HARBOUR, FISHING HARBOUR, OR A PROTECTED LAUNCH SITE.'

Additional Endorsement/s

Nil

Date of Test

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