



# South African Maritime Safety Authority

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### Theoretical Training for Master, Mate <200GT, <500GT.

TO SAMSA EXAMINERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, MARITIME EDUCATION & TRAINING PROVIDERS, SHIP AND FISHING VESSEL OWNERS & OPERATORS AND SEAFARERS

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#### *Summary*

This Marine Notice informs on the availability of approved theoretical training for the Certificates of Competency, Mate & Master on vessels of less than 200GT and less than 500GT.

- 1 Seafarers wishing to gain the qualification as Chief Mate or Master <200GT or <500GT Near Coastal or Unlimited, may undertake their studies at Professional Yachtmaster Training (PYT) Durban, accredited by the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) of the United Kingdom.
- 2 A recent assessment of the courses presented by PYT has revealed that the courses meet the minimum requirements for the above qualifications as detailed in the South African Maritime Qualifications Code.
- 3 Seafarers wishing to take advantage of this training shall comply with all rules, terms and conditions including payment of fees, applicable to candidates undertaking training at PYT.
- 4 Following successful registration, candidates shall complete the appropriate training courses including all tests and examinations required.

*Contact Professional Yachtmaster Training on Tel: 031 3074992 or email: [info@pyt.co.za](mailto:info@pyt.co.za)*

- 5 If successful, candidates shall be issued with a certificate by the International Association of Maritime Institutions (IAMI) indicating that the candidate may apply for an oral assessment (this would normally be in the UK, conducted by the MCA).
- 6 To gain a South African CoC, this certificate together with all other documentary evidence required for an application for a Level 3 Assessment as set out in the SAMSA document FOP-513, shall be presented to the nearest SAMSA Examination Centre.

Documentary evidence includes a Medical Fitness Certificate, an Eye Test Certificate, all statutory ancillary courses (PSSR, PST, Fire Prevention and Fire-fighting, Medical First Aid, Survival Craft & Rescue Boats and any tanker or passenger endorsements required) with HELM and ECDIS training as applicable.

- 7 The table below indicates what courses are required to be completed to achieve the desired South African qualification.

| <b>Required SAMS CoC</b>               | <b>PYT/ MCA Course</b>                         |
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| Master <200GT near coastal             | MOY Limited >200GT (old 'Yachtmaster Offshore) |
| Master <200GT                          | MOY Unlimited <200GT (Yachtmaster Ocean)       |
| (All the following will do OOW plus..) | OOW <3000GT                                    |
| Mate <500GT                            | Chief Mate <3000GT                             |
| Master <500GT near coastal             | Master <500GT plus AEC                         |
| Master <500GT                          | Master <3000GT plus AEC.                       |

MOY is 'Master of Yachts'; AEC is 'Approved Engine Course'

- 8 It is to be noted that a candidate's qualifying sea service dictates what qualification may be applied for. For example, port operations service does not qualify the holder for a CoC as Master <500GT.

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