

# Unlimited superyacht deck officer cadetship

**Warsash Superyacht Academy, in collaboration with Trinity House, is proud to introduce the first officer cadetship training programme leading to the issue of a fully fledged UK MCA Officer of the Watch (Unlimited) Certificate of Competency tailored to the superyacht industry.**

As well as gaining the OOW Certificate of Competency and academic exemptions for Chief Mate (Unlimited), candidates will also obtain a Foundation Degree (FdSc) Marine Operations. In addition to the core tuition, candidates will undertake a wide range of superyacht-specific courses.

Sea service is obtained on-board superyachts, sail training vessels and commercial vessels, giving candidates a wide and valuable breadth of seagoing experience.

The superyacht cadetship is sponsored; therefore the cost of both course tuition and a training allowance is covered throughout the training programme.

This leaflet explains the details of the programme and how to apply for it.

## KEY POINTS

- Three-year programme
- UK MCA STCW II/1 Officer of the Watch (OOW Unlimited)
- Foundation Degree (FdSc) Marine Operations
- Exemption from further academic tuition for STCW II/1 Chief Mate (Unlimited)
- Sea service obtained on-board superyachts, sail training vessels and commercial vessels
- Additional superyacht-specific courses include tender operations, superyacht operations, RYA certification, paint care and hospitality induction
- Full sponsorship available
- Opportunity to progress to a BSc (Hons) top-up degree.

## Why choose the unrestricted superyacht cadetship?

There are many good reasons to consider obtaining an OOW (Unlimited) Certificate of Competency (CoC), as opposed to a yacht-restricted CoC. It will enable you to:

- Work as a deck officer on any size of vessel, including superyachts above 3,000GT (which are classed as passenger superyachts or as passenger ships).
- Work on superyachts where the yacht asks for officers with unlimited certification (even if less than 3,000GT).
- Optimise your chances for career success and gain the edge when applying for top positions within the superyacht sector.
- Open up additional maritime career options across the broader maritime industry.
- Enhance your long-term career prospects when later transitioning to a shore-based career.
- Become trained to the highest standard in the maritime industry, as well as gaining an academic qualification.
- Have the ability to progress to Master Mariner (Unlimited), the pinnacle of maritime education and training.

## A centre of excellence

At Warsash, our business is to provide the best possible maritime education and training. Assisting mariners to become deck and engineering officers is at the heart of what we've been doing for 70 years.



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## What are officer cadetships?

In simple terms an officer cadetship is an academic officer trainee scheme that progresses a novice to merchant navy Officer of the Watch certification level through a combination of academic studies and seagoing experience. The scheme consists of five phases (three phases at the academy and two phases at sea) over a period of three years. A cadet is an officer trainee; during the programme the cadet will be guided and mentored by a training manager, and will be additionally supported by an on-board training officer while at sea.

## What certification do I get at the end?

The superyacht cadetship will lead to the following certification:

- Foundation Degree (FdSc) Marine Operations (with a direct pathway to a BSc (Hons) Marine Operations Management).
- MCA STCW'95 II/1 OOW certification (OOW Unlimited).

A cadet on a Foundation Degree programme will also get full academic exemption for the Chief Mate Unlimited qualification (that is to say, no further academic study is required when progressing to Chief Mate and Master Unlimited).



## Who is the cadetship for?

The cadetship is primarily targeted at individuals who are seeking to become officers in the superyacht industry, or the wider maritime industry - no prior experience necessary.

For those of you who already have three or more years' sea service, there is an alternative route (Examination Route for Experienced Seafarers) leading to the UK MCA OOW Unlimited. If that applies to you, please contact us for further information.

## What will I learn?

The Foundation Degree (FdSc) Marine Operations programme will cover the following aspects, which form part of the underpinning knowledge required by the MCA for the OOW and Chief Mate Unlimited qualification: bridge watch-keeping; chartwork; tides and sailings; celestial navigation; emergency response and communications; cargo work; meteorology; ship stability; ship construction; and law and management.

Candidates will also benefit from further superyacht-specific tuition, such as: superyacht regulatory framework and superyacht operations; RYA Powerboat Level 2 certification; VHF Short Range certification; Day Skipper or similar; superyacht tender operations; Personal Watercraft certification (jetskis); paint care; superyacht etiquette; and hospitality induction.



### What are the entry criteria?

For the Foundation Degree the following are required:

- A minimum of 48 UCAS tariff points, plus GCSEs at grade C or above in Maths, English and Science.
- In order to be eligible for funding, applicants must be a UK/EU citizen and have resided in the UK in the 12 months prior to the cadetship (however, self-sponsoring is possible).

### Are there any other requirements?

Officer cadets must have good health and be capable of passing the merchant navy medical examination (ENG1). Navigating officer cadets must also have normal colour vision and be able to pass the MCA sight test, although corrective lenses may be acceptable in some cases.

Anybody contemplating a career as a ship's officer would be well advised to take a medical examination and sight test as soon as possible to find out if there are any physical bars to their career aspirations.

The MCA holds a list of approved doctors throughout the UK and abroad who are able to provide ENG1 seafarer medical examinations.

### What does it cost?

In most cases it does not cost cadets anything as they are sponsored by companies who cover the training costs and often pay a living allowance on top. Occasionally we have self-sponsored international cadets on our courses; please contact us, as the cost depends on individual circumstances.

### Course programme and timing

The course structure of a cadetship is also known as a 'sandwich' programme: phase one is spent at the academy, phase two at sea, phase three at the academy, phase four at sea and the final phase is at the academy again. In total candidates will spend 12 to 14 months at sea whilst the rest of the time is spent at the academy or on leave.

Cadetships start in January and September each year.



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## HOW TO APPLY

If you wish to undertake an officer superyacht cadetship and you meet the necessary entry criteria, the next step is to **apply directly** to a sponsoring company or their training management agencies.

To apply for sponsorship through The Corporation of Trinity House for September 2022 intake, visit: <https://www.justbemaritime.com/>

Email: [info@justbemaritime.com](mailto:info@justbemaritime.com)



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## THE BENEFITS TO SPONSORING COMPANIES

- Train your own future officers to the highest standards available.
- The officers can be deployed on any size of superyacht, both under and over 3,000GT, and on superyachts coded to the Passenger Yacht Code.
- Gain long-term commitment from your officers.
- There is a possibility of SMarT funding and tonnage tax reduction.
- Be at the forefront of yachting.

If you are a yacht management company looking to train your own officer cadets, please email us [wsa@solent.ac.uk](mailto:wsa@solent.ac.uk)

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