

# Course Notes

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**Course Title:** Yachtmaster Preparation      **Course Start:** Sunday, October 1 2017, 0900hr  
**Duration:** 5 Days      **Course Finish:** Thursday October 5, 15.00hrs  
**Minimum Age:** 18yrs +      **Meeting point:** Marina Office

**Previous Experience:** It is expected that your theoretical and practical knowledge will equivalent to <http://www.rya.org.uk/coursestraining/exams/Pages/howtopassyourexam.aspx>

You will be required to have completed the RYA Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Offshore Theory course before arriving for the prep. You will also need valid First Aid and a VHF license with the DSC/GMDSS endorsement.

**Course Aim:** Exam preparation the Yachtmaster Coastal or Offshore Exam

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## Arrival Notes

Please meet me at the marina office in the lower parking lot at **0900hrs**. I will take you down to the yacht Michaela on which you will be spending the entire week.

## Course Details

This is an intensive advanced level course for those wishing to hone their skills before taking the exam for a Yachtmaster Coastal or Yachtmaster Offshore RYA/MCA Certificate of Competence. We will concentrate on pilotage, night navigation, close quarters maneuvering under power and sails, theory and any other part of the syllabus.

At the end of the week your instructor will provide you with either an action plan for completion prior to attending an examination, or recommend that you proceed to the exam, which will immediately follow. **Please note you will be aboard for 7 days – 5 for prep, 2 for exams.**

The sailing area will be the South Shore of Nova Scotia, include the Mahone Bay and Lunenburg area coastlines. Specifics will depend upon weather conditions. There will be lots of night sailing.

## The Yacht - Michaela

The yacht you will be staying onboard, is commercially coded by RYA/MCA as category 2 compliant, which is 60 miles from a safe haven and is able to carry 6 people including the Skipper. We also participate in the Transport Canada Small Vessel Compliance Program.

Facilities include on-board heating and a fridge and it is equipped with Radar, multiple GPS receivers and an AIS transceiver. The yacht has a big boat feel, full keel, hydraulic wheel steering and a powerful mast head rig.

## Meals Onboard

The yacht will be stocked for the course for at least three meals a day, including snacks and drinks. If you wish to, you may bring a bottle of something to enjoy in the evenings, when we are anchored or moored.

We can cater for any special dietary requirements as long as you let us know on the registration form or at least a week before arrival, to ensure that the correct food is taken on board.

## Kit & Clothing

Discovery Sailing will provide all necessary safety equipment i.e. Life jackets which are kept on board the yacht.

You will be spending the entire week onboard the yacht and are required to **provide your own sleeping bag**. In exceptional circumstances and with prior notice we MAY be able to make arrangements for a sleeping bag to be available.

## Discovery Sailing will provide:

- Life jackets and tethers
- All harbour fees and fuel

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## You provide:

- Sleeping bag
- Sailing pants (preferably not jeans)
- Shorts, T-shirts (summer sailing)
- Foul weather gear
- Sea boots, warm socks
- Deck shoes (non marking soles)
- Warm fleece
- Sun hat, sunscreen
- LED headlamp preferably with a choice of red for night navigation.

Please think carefully about what you bring and pack your gear in a soft collapsible bag, not a suit case, and pack light! As well, remember, it may be cooler on the water.

## Contact:

Tel: (877) 275-8377 toll free cell  
Email: Dave@discoverysailing.com

## How to get there:

Atlantica Hotel and Marina Oak Island  
36 Treasure Drive, Western Shore, **Nova Scotia**  
Tel: (800) 565-5075.

<http://www.atlanticaoakisland.com/en/home/default.aspx>

For driving directions from Halifax Airport, see the page <http://DiscoverySailing.com/directions>

Weather information -

[http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/marine/forecast\\_e.html?mapID=15&siteID=1410](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/marine/forecast_e.html?mapID=15&siteID=1410)

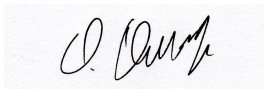
## Recommended Reading :-

Your Yachtmaster Handbook  
(Chart 1) Abbreviations and Symbols  
Anything I send you

For information and advice on the kit list, please contact me.

If you need help with getting from the airport to the marina, let me know and I will assist.

Fair Winds and look forward to sailing with you,



Dave

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**Insurance:** For your own peace of mind, we strongly advise you hold cancellation insurance in case circumstances result in you being unable to attend or have to curtail the course. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of Booking for our full cancellations policy. We also recommend you have suitable insurance to cover the loss of or damage to any personal belongings while you are with Discovery Sailing.