

## UNDER 16.5m SKIPPER'S CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FORM

### Eligibility

This voluntary certificate is for skippers of UK-registered commercial fishing vessels less than 16.5m registered length. It costs £10. To be eligible, applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements for commercial fishing experience and certification:

#### 1. RESTRICTED – for commercial fishing up to 20 miles from a safe haven

A minimum of 12 months experience on a UK-registered commercial fishing vessel is required. *Note: experience can only be counted from the date you completed Sea Survival training.*

Course	Duration (days)
Seafish Basic Sea Survival <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic Fire Fighting <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic First Aid <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic Health & Safety <i>(if required)</i>	1
Seafish Safety Awareness*	1
Seafish Bridge Watchkeeping <i>(or equivalent)</i>	2
Seafish Engineeroom Watchkeeping <i>(or equivalent)</i>	2
Seafish Stability Awareness for Experienced Fishermen <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Advanced Stability Awareness <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
RYA GMDSS Short Range Certificate	1

#### 2. UNRESTRICTED – for commercial fishing beyond 20 miles from a safe haven

A minimum of 18 months experience on a UK-registered commercial fishing vessel is required. *Note: experience can only be counted from the date you completed Sea Survival training.*

Course	Duration (days)
Seafish Basic Sea Survival <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic Fire Fighting <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic First Aid <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Basic Health & Safety <i>(if required)</i>	1
Seafish Safety Awareness*	1
Seafish Bridge Watchkeeping <i>(or equivalent)</i>	5
MCA Approved Engine Course AEC1 <i>(or equivalent)</i>	5
Seafish Stability Awareness for Experienced Fishermen <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
Seafish Advanced Stability Awareness <i>(or equivalent)</i>	1
RYA GMDSS Short Range Certificate	1

#### \*Refresher Training

Applicants must re-attend Safety Awareness training if their original certificate was issued before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. You are being asked to do this because the Safety Awareness course launched in 2012 was very different from the original. It provides up-to-date information, advice and guidance on establishing and implementing safety management systems onboard fishing vessels. The course can be refreshed at any [Seafish Approved Training Provider](#).

All certification will be checked and verified with Seafish records, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the Royal Yachting Association. If you are in any doubt as to whether your certificate is valid, please email Seafish at [training@seafish.co.uk](mailto:training@seafish.co.uk)

## Application Procedure

- 1) Complete and sign the application form overleaf, providing all the information required in boxes 1 to 6 and the attached training evaluation form
- 2) Candidates must submit a passport-size full-face photograph, signed on the reverse. It should be attached either by staple or paper clip in the box on the top, left hand corner of the application form. The photograph will be incorporated within the certificate returned to the candidate.
- 3) Candidates must supply certificate numbers (and photocopies of any non-Seafish certificates) for verification. If a candidate has misplaced any Seafish certificate, numbers can be checked by contacting Seafish (see below for details).
- 4) Send the completed form, with photograph, payment\* and completed training evaluation form, to the address below.
- 5) The Skipper's Certificate will be posted to the candidate's address as provided by them on the application form.
- 6) Please allow up to 28 days for your card to arrive

**\*Please note you can either pay by bank transfer using the details below, please use your name as the reference or alternatively by sending us a cheque made payable to Sea Fish Industry Authority.**

**Account Name: Seafish  
Sort Code: 82-45-05  
Account No. 00506447**

### Data Protection:

Seafish and its Approved Training Providers have a legal obligation to keep a record of your personal details and any mandatory basic safety training that you have completed. Details of what information we hold for you are available on request (email us at [training@seafish.co.uk](mailto:training@seafish.co.uk)). We may contact you from time to time to check and verify your information. We are obliged to share this information with the Maritime & Coastguard Agency and other relevant authorities on request.

We may also share your details with:

- any other training providers you might approach (to enable them to check whether you might be eligible for any funding for training and to inform them what other training you might need to undertake), and
- with the owner, managing agent and/or skipper of the vessel you are working on, or wanting to work on (to confirm to them what training you have completed).

Training Administrator, Sea Fish Industry Authority, Origin Way, Europarc, Grimsby DN37 9TZ. **Telephone: 01472 252300** **Email: [training@seafish.co.uk](mailto:training@seafish.co.uk)**

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**BOX 1: PERSONAL DETAILS**

<b>Surname:</b>			
<b>Forenames</b>		<b>Gender:</b>	
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		<b>Nationality:</b>	
<b>UK Residential Address:</b>			
<b>Postcode:</b>		<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>			

**BOX 2: FISHING EXPERIENCE** gained on a UK registered fishing vessel.

<b>Vessel Name</b>	<b>Vessel Registration Number (PLN)</b>	<b>Work Role (e.g., deckhand, skipper, etc.)</b>	<b>Length of Service (months)</b>

**BOX 3: NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS OF AN OFFICIAL WHO CAN BE CONTACTED TO VERIFY YOUR EXPERIENCE DETAILED ABOVE**

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Position/Organisation:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	

#### BOX 4: NON-FISHING ACTIVITIES

Are you currently involved in any non-fishing commercial activities at sea or on land, full-time or seasonal? If so, please describe the activity below.

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#### BOX 5: TRAINING

**IMPORTANT:** You must supply photocopies of any non-Seafish certificates

Course	Date Completed	Training Provider
Seafish Basic Sea Survival <i>(or equivalent)</i>		
Seafish Basic Fire Fighting <i>(or equivalent)</i>		
Seafish Basic First Aid <i>(or equivalent)</i>		
Seafish Basic Health & Safety <i>(if required)</i>		
Seafish Safety Awareness		
Seafish 2-day Bridge Watchkeeping <i>(or equivalent)</i>		
Seafish 5-day Bridge Watchkeeping <i>(or equivalent)</i>		
Seafish 2-day Engineeroom Watchkeeping <i>(or equivalent)</i>		
MCA Approved Engine Course AEC1 <i>(or equivalent)</i>		
Seafish Stability Awareness for Experienced Fishermen <i>(or equivalent)</i>		
Seafish Advanced Stability Awareness <i>(or equivalent)</i>		
RYA GMDSS Short Range Certificate		
Other <i>(please specify)</i> :		

#### BOX 6: DECLARATION

**“I the undersigned, confirm that I am the above-named person, that the fishing experience detailed in Box 2 is mine, I have completed all the training courses listed above and completed the attached training evaluation form.”**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

## Fishermen's Training Course Evaluation

**Information gathered will be used to support future funding applications to support delivery of fishermen's safety training courses**

*Please circle answers*

**Question 1:** Have you ever been involved in an accident on a fishing vessel at sea or in a harbour?

Yes / No

**Question 2:** Can you recall having to take actions to avoid an accident on a fishing vessel at sea or in a harbour?

Yes / No

If you have answered Yes to either question please provide 1 or 2 examples below

Briefly describe the nature of the incident(s), name of boat and approximate date. <b>and/or</b> If you feel you have prevented an accident from happening please explain what you did and what may have happened if you hadn't have acted.	Were the skills learnt on fishermen's safety courses used to deal with or avoid the incident?	Fire Fighting	Sea Survival	First Aid	Health & safety	Safety Awareness	Navigation	Stability	Engineering	Radio skills	Were the rescue services involved?	Did the use of basic safety skills prevent the need of the safety services?
1	YES / NO  If "YES please tick appropriate box(es) to identify which skills from which course were used										YES / NO	YES / NO
2	YES / NO  If "YES please tick appropriate box(es) to identify which skills from which course were used										YES / NO	YES / NO

If you wish to provide more examples please use the back of this form or request additional copies from Seafish Training on 01472 252302 or email us at [training@seafish.co.uk](mailto:training@seafish.co.uk)

**Seafish may wish to contact you for further details. If you object to being contacted tick this box**