

When looking to organise an exam please ensure you are able to meet these additional requirements due to the restrictions in place around the world.

Please ensure that you are able to comply with the local government guidance regarding social distancing and other COVID-19 restrictions at all times. There are locations where isolation or quarantine requirements upon entering or leaving a country will prevent an examiner conducting an exam.

Individuals with COVID-19 or its symptoms, or who have knowingly had contact with someone with symptoms, must not be present during an exam. This includes Examiners. This may mean the postponement of an exam.

Excluding the Examiner, there should be a minimum of two people or a maximum of three. This means a single exam candidate will need to find at least one crew member.

For RYA Yachtmaster Coastal or Offshore exams, Examiners are not be able to examine more than two candidates in one day. With more than two candidates, the exam will take place as two distinct one-day sessions. The vessel should be alongside following the night exercise of the first day to allow the Examiner, and others, the ability to sleep away from the boat. The arrangements for this should be discussed with the Examiner when arranging the exam. Examiners may be able to examine three candidates for Powerboat Advanced in one day if the vessel size and configuration permits adequate social distancing.

Prior to the exam any vessel or area to be used should be thoroughly cleaned, ensuring all surfaces are wiped down with an appropriate disinfectant. Soft furnishings in communal areas may be removed to aid cleaning during the exam as these are more difficult to wipe down.

Examiners will provide their own face coverings, hand sanitiser, gloves and mug for the duration of the exam. The Examiner may also wish to provide their own food for the duration of the exam. Please clarify this when arranging the exam. Please provide cleaning products to ensure the vessel can be cleaned appropriately before, during and after the period of examination (above and below deck for cruising vessels). Please also ensure that there is adequate hand sanitiser and/or hand soap for all on board.

Please ensure everyone on board has at least two face coverings for when working in close proximity or face to face with others.

In order to comply with the need for social distancing there will be a need to spend more time on deck than usual. Ensure all on board are able to dress appropriately for this situation.

If possible, the completed application forms and photographs should be emailed to the Examiner in advance. Logbooks and other pre-requisite documents should be ready for visual inspection on the day of the exam and should not be sent to the Examiner. Emailed copies cannot be accepted.

Yachtmaster Ocean Oral exams may take place where local restrictions permit. If possible, completed application forms, photographs, workings and planning documents should be emailed to the Examiner in advance. Please have hard copies of the workings and planning documents available for visual inspection on the day of the exam.