

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUPER YACHT INDUSTRY

1. What Qualifications are required to “Kick Start” a Super Yacht Career?

- AMSA OR MCA STCW95/10
- ENG 1 MEDICAL OR AMSA MEDICAL
- B1/B2 visa
- Elementary Super Yacht Steward/ess, Deckhand or Steward/ess/Deckhand Course
- Power Boat level II
- Diving tickets

2. What is a STCW95/10 ticket?

This is a mandatory ticket that all crew need to hold to obtain a super yacht job.

The course consists for the following: Standard of Training, Certification & watchkeeping for Seafarers

This is an International Standard arising from the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and has the force of the law in all signatory countries.

- Personal Safety & Social Responsibilities
- Basic Fire Prevention & fire fighting
- Personal Survival Techniques
- Elementary First Aid
- Security awareness training

NOTE: Australian & New Zealand crew need to be aware that there are two types of STCW95/10 courses, and these course **endorsements** are **recognised differently** around the world.

- **AMSA STCW95/10** (CoSting course) is endorsed by AMSA (*Australian Maritime Safety Authority*). This course is recognised both in Australia and International waters. Holding a AMSA STCW95 (Costing course) will increase your employment opportunities on both International offshore vessels and Australian flagged commercial vessels.
- **MCA STCW95/10:** This course is endorsed by MCA (*Maritime Coast Guard Agency*). This course is recognised by England, Europe, and American vessels. MCA qualifications can only be accepted by International offshore Super Yacht. An MCA STCW95/10 ticket will not be recognised by Australian flagged commercial yachts.

3. Where can I obtain a STCW95/10 AMSA (COSTING course)

- Cairns – Great Barrier Reef Marine College – A Campus of Tafe Qld
Toll Free Number – 1300 308 233
E-mail: info.north@tafeqld.edu.au OR web-site: www.gbrimc.com.au
- Sunshine Coast – Maritime Career Training
Phone: + 61 (0) 418 243 042 (No calls will be excepted on public holidays)
E- mail bb@stcw95.net

4. Where can I obtain a STCW95/10 MCA

- Sydney – Super Yacht Crew Academy
Ph + 61 (0) 2 9979 9669
E-mail: train@superyachttraining.com.au

5. What is ENG1 & AMSA SEAFARERS MEDICAL?

This is a seafarer’s medical exam, and it is mandatory requirement to work on both private and commercial super yacht yachts, world-wide. It is valid for 2 years and the cost of this medical will vary pending on which medical you obtain in which country or state.

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- **MCA Seafarers Medical** is endorsed by MCA (*Maritime Coast Guard Agency*). This medical is recognised by England, Europe, and American vessels. MCA medicals can only be accepted by International offshore Super Yacht. An MCA medical will not be recognised by Australian flagged commercial yachts.

6. **Where can I obtain a AMSA Seafarers medical?**

Anywhere in Australia. The booking number is 1300 763 822 and is operational Monday to Friday 5.00am- 5.00pm AWST OR 8.00AM-8.00PM AEST, except national public holidays.

- You can also make a booking by e-mail the seafarer team on seafarermedicals@sonichealthplus.com.au

7. **Where can I obtain a ENG1 Seafarers medical?**

BRISBANE: Anzac Square Medical Centre + 61 (0) 7 322 91344 + 61 (0) 7 322 9134

8. **What Visa's do I need to obtain to work on a Super Yacht?**

- B1/B2 visa. This visa is a multi-entry visa which allows you to work on foreign flagged vessels cruising American waters. This type of visa does not allow you to work on land or American Flagged vessels. If you are caught on an American flagged vessel without a Green Card, you will be deported from the country.
- You are recommended to obtain the B1/B2 visa before leaving Australia or New Zealand, as the visa is easier to obtain in your own country than when you are travelling overseas.
- This visa can be valid for 1 to 10 years this is pending on which country you are in
- To obtain your B1/B2 visa click onto this link. <https://visaguide.world/us-visa/nonimmigrant/visitor/>

NOTE: If you require information on how to obtain your B1/B2 visa Crew Pacific covers this within the two-day super yacht induction course, 5-, 8- & 10-day super yacht Elementary internationally recognised Steward/ess & Deckhand courses. E-mail training@crewspacific.com.au or Ph + 61 (0) 7 4041 7243

9. **What Elementary Super Yacht Courses are out there?**

Crew Pacific offers Six Elementary Super Yacht Courses that are internationally recognised and specifically tailored to the International Super Yacht Standard. These courses are as follows:

- **Crew Pacific Two Day Super Yacht Induction Course:** This course prepares you for the International Super Yacht Industry and gives you a wide understanding of the super yacht industry; such B1/B2 visa, international salaries, and offshore bank accounts, crewing agents, interviewing techniques, the seasons of when to find work, Day work, crew contracts, super yacht resume and so much more!!

This course is suited to people that want to learn about the super yacht industry, engineers, chefs, school leavers and crew that have worked on national super yachts and now looking at travelling overseas to obtain work on international super yachts

- **Crew Pacific Five Day Super Yacht Steward/ess Course:**
Crew Pacific's internationally recognised 5-day Super Yacht Steward/ess course is specifically designed and tailored to the international super yacht industry. This super yacht course will provide to you the skills and tools that is required to work on a super yacht as a junior stewardess, such as laundry formalities, Housekeeping; (*Maintaining the interior of a super yacht*). Super yacht table service (*Russian and American style service*), Professional decorum and etiquette aboard a superyacht and the ins and outs of the international super yacht.
- **Crew Pacific Eight Day Super Yacht Steward/ess Course:**
Crew Pacific's internationally recognised 8-day Super Yacht Steward/ess course is specifically designed and tailored to the international super yacht industry. This super yacht course will provide to you the skills and tools that is required to work on a super yacht as a junior stewardess, such as laundry formalities, Housekeeping; (*Maintaining the interior of a super yacht*). Super yacht table service (*Russian and American style service*), Professional decorum and etiquette aboard a superyacht and the ins and outs of the

international super yacht. **PLUS:** Floral arrangement & care on a Super Yacht (A 2-hour lesson will be completed in a florist shop), Cocktail Making and Presentation, (A 3-hour lesson will be completed in a professional cocktail bar) Wine Appreciation, & Barista Training (a three-hour barista lesson will be conducted in a professional cafe)

- **Crew Pacific Eight Day Super Yacht Steward/ess/Deckhand Course:**
Crew Pacific's Internationally Recognized Eight-Day Super Yacht Steward/ess/ Deckhand Training Course. This is the first Steward/ess/Deckhand course to be developed in the world of yachting. This course has been specifically designed and tailored for the International Super Yacht industry. This course consists of the 5 Day super yacht stewardess course modules; laundry formalities, Housekeeping; (*Maintaining the interior of a super yacht*). Super yacht table service (*Russian and American style service*), Professional decorum and etiquette aboard a superyacht and the ins and outs of the international super yacht. **PLUS**, three days of the Crew Pacific Deckhand course; Super Yacht Maintenance and Care, Storing and Stowing of a Super Yacht, Basic Seamanship, and terminology.
- **Crew Pacific Ten Day Super Yacht Steward/ess Course:**
Crew Pacific's Internationally Recognized Ten-Day Super Yacht Steward/ess/ Deckhand Training Course. This is the first 10-day Steward/ess/Deckhand course to be developed in the world of yachting. This course has been specifically designed and tailored for the International Super Yacht industry. This course consists of the 5 Day super yacht stewardess course modules; laundry formalities, Housekeeping; (*Maintaining the interior of a super yacht*). Super yacht table service (*Russian and American style service*), Professional decorum and etiquette aboard a superyacht and the ins and outs of the international super yacht. **PLUS**, three days of the Crew Pacific Deckhand course; Super Yacht Maintenance and Care, Storing and Stowing of a Super Yacht, Basic Seamanship, and terminology. **PLUS**, Floral arrangement & care on a Super Yacht (A 2-hour lesson will be completed in a florist shop), Cocktail Making and Presentation, (A 3-hour lesson will be completed in a professional cocktail bar) Wine Appreciation, & Barista Training (a three-hour barista lesson will be conducted in a professional cafe)
- **Crew Pacific Five Day Super Yacht Deckhand Course:**
Welcome to Crew Pacific's Internationally Recognized Five -Day Super Yacht Deckhand Training Course. This course has been specifically designed and tailored for the International Super Yacht industry. This course is aimed at those with and without previous deckhand knowledge and experience in the maritime industry, or trade industry and are wishing to refine their skills or learn new skills, taking them to Super Yacht Industry level. Crew Pacific's aim is to enhance those skills already achieved and to translate them across to international super yacht standards. Working on International Super Yachts is vastly different to working on land. You will always be handling high quality equipment and materials and interacting with high profile guests.

10. Does Crew Pacific Assist with Crew Placement?

Yes!! Once you are fully qualified with your STCW95/10, Crew Pacific Elementary Super Yacht Course, ENG1 medical/AMSA medical, B1/B2 visa and have your resume formatted to the super yacht standard, you will automatically go onto Crew Pacific's date base for Employment.

11. How can I obtain more information on Crew Pacific's Elementary Super Yacht Courses?

To obtain more information on the Crew Pacific Elementary Super Yacht Steward/ess, Deckhand, & Steward/ess/Deckhand Courses contact training@crewpacific.com.au or Ph + 61 (0) 7 4041 7243

12. What things should I check for before booking any Super Yacht Course:

- Ensure the courses are internationally recognised in Australia, Europe, England, and America, so that you can work on Australian and Foreign flagged yachts
- Check that the courses you are booked into are being conducted by teachers that have worked in the international super yacht industry
- Check how long the training colleges have been training and if they have a good reputation in the super yacht industry
- Check the statistics on how many people that have trained and how many they have placed onto super yachts world-wide.
- Check if they train you and help place you onto super yachts.

13. **What does a Super Yacht Resume need to look like?**

Click onto Crew Pacific's Resume template and this will help you to get started with your Super Yacht resume. Once you have completed your resume and registration with Crew Pacific e-mail your resume to recruitment: info@crewpacific.com.au

14. **What if I have No Yachting Experience?**

No previous yachting experience is not a disadvantage as most Yacht Captains, Chief Officers and Chief Steward/ess will train you, however it is an advantage to hold a STCW95/10, Seafarers medical, B1/B2 visa, and have some form of Elementary super yacht training this will make you more employable to a super yacht Captain, First mate, or Chief Steward/ess. Completing this type of training shows potential employers that you are serious about making a commitment to the industry.

15. **How Long Will It Take to Find Employment?**

The yacht seasons and your location as well as your qualifications will all affect your chances. There is no set timeframe in finding a job. Crewing Agencies can only inform you of the jobs which come through their offices and for which you meet the necessary criteria. The more accessible, qualified, and experienced you are, the higher your chances are of obtaining employment aboard a Super Yacht.

16. **What is a Crew House?**

It is accommodation for yacht crew who are looking for work, training or taking some down time away from yachts. A Crew House is essential for **"Newbies"** and **"Experienced"** crew as it allows them to network, mingle with other crew and learn more about the super yacht industry. Staying in the Crew House gives them the opportunity of picking up **"Day Work"** as yacht Captains will contact the Crew House looking for temp crew to work on their luxury super yachts. This allows **"New Crew"** who have been training to get experience and potentially obtain a full-time position aboard an international super yacht.

17. **When are the Yachting Seasons?**

THE MEDITERRANEAN SEASON - Palma de Mallorca, Spain, Italy, Turkey, France, Greece

The best months for these countries run from early April to late November. This is the prime time for crew to look for work due to the yachts beginning their season with Owners and Guests, hence needing extra crew to help them out through the busy time and possibly leading to permanent work.

CARRIBBEAN AND BAHAMAS SEASON -Antigua, St Maarten, Bahamas

The busiest time for yachting in the Caribbean is the northern hemisphere winter months, but saying that it is fortunately active all year round just like the Bahamas which is also popular all year long. The majority of crew will be flown out from Fort Lauderdale, Florida (where many crew base themselves). Due to the Bahamas being so close to the United States of America it is uncommon for crew to base themselves in the Bahamas.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -Newport, Rhode Island, Ft Lauderdale

In the summer months (May - September) many yachts leave Florida, the Bahamas, and the Caribbean to head to the northeast coast of the United States. Newport, Rhode Island, all the way down to New York and the surrounding Islands is an extremely active spot for yachting, popular with Owners and Charter Guests.