

Yachtmaster Fast Track comparison Chart *Key features in red.

Included Features	Allabroad Sailing Academy	Best competitor 1	Best Competitor 2	Alternative Gibraltar	Barcelona Provider	Other	Other
All New yachts	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		
Radar Fitted on all Yachts	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		
Dedicated full time Shorebase	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		
Accommodation every day	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		
Food every day	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		
*4:1 MAX training ratio every day	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		
FULL Yachtmaster instructor every day	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		
Extra free weeks if required	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		
RYA PPR course	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓		
Powerboat level 2	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		
RYA Diesel engine course	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
RYA Radar Course	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Yachtmaster Theory	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Commercial endorsements fee	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		
ENG1 Medical	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓		
STCW Survival course	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		
STCW First Aid	✓	✓	✗	✗	extra		
STCW Fire Course	✓	✓	✗	✗	extra		
STCW PSSR	✓	✓	✗	✗	extra		
STCW Security Awareness	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		
Basic Food Safety Level 2	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		
MCA & RYA Accredited	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		
Free Trail	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		
Soft Start	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		

Top Ten Tips for finding the ideal Yachtmaster training centre for you

Ratio

Key features are the training ratios as this dictates exactly how much training YOU as an individual will receive. Most other training centres exceed the RYA maximum of 5 trainees per yacht on mileage trips, where the ratio regularly exceeds double our maximum of 4 trainees per

Extra Training

Not everyone is ready by the end of the course, some may take a little longer to reach the required level, we offer free extra weeks until you are ready. If you do not pass first time, we offer even more weeks, until you pass, free of charge. Many centres do not offer this and will charge you for extra weeks, or simply not put you in for the final exam if you are not ready.

Instruction

Equally important is the experience of your instructor, many centres provide you with an inexperienced instructor who are themselves still in the process of self training and gaining experience. There are 2 levels of instructor, newly qualified 'cruising instructors', and Full 'Yachtmaster instructor' or YMI. We only use the higher Full Yachtmaster instructors from day one, every day of your training. Check the experience of each of your instructors.

Booking Process

Above all else, the courses are a big investment, would you buy a car without a test drive? We provide a 3 stage booking process, that comprises of

- Stage 1 an optional free trial
- Stage 2 'soft start' 10% deposit, first 2 weeks of your course.
- Stage 3, only once you are 100% happy - pay your balance and commit to the course.

Location

Where will the training take place? Many centres are based in non tidal areas, so make sure you know ahead of time where you will sail, as half your miles must be tidal.

Facilities

There are a number of providers offering a similar looking course yet they have absolutely no shore based facilities. Often your theory is delivered on board, and there's no where to study 'off-board'. Check the facilities and make sure they are available 24/7.

Yachts

There are centres delivering training on yachts as old as 20 years, these are less safe and far less reliable than newer yachts. Many centres say they have new yachts, and show these on the website, yet when you arrive you are on a much older yacht. All our training is delivered on brand new (2016) Jeanneau 389 sailing yachts. We do not own or operate any other sailing yachts. All yachts have Radar and AIS to help keep you safe in poor visibility.

Pass Rates

Many centres will downgrade your course to Yachtmaster Coastal if they feel you will not pass Yachtmaster offshore. This downgraded pass counts to their pass rate even though its a much lower level for you. These centres do not offer any free extra training, as it states in their terms that you may be downgraded to the lower level.

We do provide extra training free of charge at a later date in order to complete the original goal of Yachtmaster Offshore.

Accreditation and outsourcing.

Many centres offer elements that they are not accredited, or equipped to deliver. These elements are outsourced to other providers, other providers who you have not researched. Ask if any of your training is outsourced and if so, check them out too. We do not outsource, we are accredited by both the RYA and directly by the MCA too.

Flexibility

Ask what happens if you need to stop your course for a family emergency, or illness. We provide the option to pause your course and continue at a later date in the event of an emergency.

