



# New Marshall Islands Master

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Unlimited Tonnage, Oceans, Yachts Only  
License/Certificate of Competency

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The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Registry is pleased to announce the introduction of a new Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) compliant Master – Unlimited Tonnage, Oceans, Yachts Only license providing duly qualified and trained yacht captains a full STCW license/Certificate of Competency (CoC). This CoC will allow certificated captains to command yachts of over 3,000 gross tons (gt).

Until now, yacht captains' careers have been limited to yachts of up to 3,000 gt. By the same token, when owners acquire yachts over 3,000 gt, they and their managers are often forced to part with trusted captains and hire merchant mariners with unlimited licenses, most of whom are entirely new to the yachting industry. The RMI Registry has acknowledged this gap in the licensing regime for the yachting industry, and has designed the STCW compliant Master – Unlimited Tonnage, Oceans, Yachts Only license, in order to address this small, but growing, elite niche market.

The RMI Maritime Administrator is working with Maritime Professional Training (MPT), which is based in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to develop The Capstone Course®, a course designed specifically for qualified yacht masters. This pinnacle level program requires candidates to possess commensurate experience, knowledge, training and proficiency to be demonstrated through the completion of written and bridge-simulation based competency assessments, which are wholly grounded on STCW. Successful candidates are eligible to obtain an RMI CoC. †

For more information on the Master – Unlimited Tonnage, Oceans, Yachts Only license/CoC contact Amy Beavers of MPT at [amy@MPTusa.com](mailto:amy@MPTusa.com) or John Hafner of the RMI Registry at [jhafner@register-iri.com](mailto:jhafner@register-iri.com)



# REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

### PRELIMINARY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER (YACHTS) – UNLIMITED TONNAGE CAPSTONE COURSE

In order for an applicant to enroll in the Capstone Course and qualify for a Certificate of Competence (CoC) the following requirements must be met:

1. The applicant must possess, at a minimum, a valid STCW CoC for either:
  - a) STCW II/2 Master - Yachts 3000 Gross Tons (GT); or
  - b) STCW II/2 Master – Vessels 3000 GT.
2. The applicant must have completed one (1) year of sea service within the last five (5) years as follows:
  - a) Holders of a *yacht* CoC must show service aboard a yacht >500 GT **in the grade of Master**, 270 days of which must be actual sea service (one (1) year = 365 days).
  - b) Holders of a *merchant vessel* CoC must show service aboard a vessel >500 GT **in the grade of Master**, 180 days of which must be actual sea service; or be qualified to sit for STCW Master (Unlimited) examination (one (1) year = 365 days).
3. The applicant must have completed the following courses:
  - STCW BASIC SAFETY TRAINING (refresher)
  - ADVANCED FIREFIGHTING COURSE
  - ADVANCED METEOROLOGY COURSE
  - ADVANCED NAVIGATION COURSE
  - ADVANCED SHIP HANDLING
  - ADVANCED STABILITY COURSE
  - AUTOMATED RADAR PLOTTING AID (ARPA)
  - BRIDGE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
  - STCW COMPLIANT CELESTIAL NAVIGATION
  - ELECTRONIC CHART DISPLAY AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (ECDIS) – 40 hour course
  - HUMAN ELEMENT LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT (HELM)
  - MEDICAL FIRST AID
  - MARINE PROPULSION FOR THE DECK OFFICER COURSE
  - SECURITY AWARENESS
4. The applicant must have had an approved physical examination within the last two (2) years
5. Identification Document (passport)
6. Passport size photo

NOTE: Applicants must be pre-approved to take the course. A completed Application for Original Officer CoC by Examination (MI-105E) must be submitted along with a \$300.00 fee to the address below **before** the applicant can take the examination and be issued any CoC by the training facility.

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