

# MARITIME TRAINING

The BVI is strategically positioned and is competitive with UK and North American markets (USA, Canada, USVI and Puerto Rico), while also granting access to OECS candidates who might not have access to US Markets (eg: USVI) for pre-commercial and commercial training. We are therefore competitive in US, UK and EC Markets, facilitating our vision of becoming a Regional Maritime Centre of Choice.

Globally the shipping and yachting industries require vessel operators be properly trained in accordance with international standards. This programme will introduce students to the various aspects of the maritime industry. Upon completion, students will have the necessary proficiency to test for U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Royal Yachting Association (RYA) qualifications.

**Maritime Short Courses for commercial certification prepare individuals to work onboard vessels in yachting, ferry and shipping industries.**

## Alignment with International Institutions



Our courses are aligned with international accreditation bodies, which include the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC). HLSCC is a member of the ABYC's League of Marine Schools. In 2016, the OECS conceptualized the Eastern Caribbean Institute of Tourism (ECIT) as a statutory inter-governmental tourism and hospitality virtual training and educational institution serving all OECS member states. Each of the 9 partner institutions across the OECS operate a centre of excellence in a specialized area of tourism and hospitality education and training. Within this framework, **HLSCC's Centre for Applied Marine Studies serves as the ECIT Marine/Maritime Centre of Excellence.** Further, we have partnerships with Caribbean and global marine industry partners, work closely with marine partners to develop training programmes that are responsive to industry employment needs.

HLSCC's Centre of Marine Studies has also served as a springboard for launching the Government of the Virgin Islands Blue Economy RoadMap drafted in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Elements of marine environmental conservation and coastal resilience are being mainstreamed into the HLSCC MPT programme, providing unique learning opportunities pegged to best global practices in marine conservation.

*Students who wish to pursue either the United States Coast Guard (USCG) or the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) qualification must do so through their own initiative and must fulfil the necessary requirements set by the licensing agency. HLSCC will advise the students in procedural matters and where possible facilitate the sitting of the required examination.*

# CARIBBEAN BOATMASTER (AMS 132 & 133)

The Caribbean Boat master courses are designed to aid individuals wishing to apply for the Caribbean Boat Master's License (CBML) issued by the Virgin Island Shipping Registry (VISR). These courses are preparatory courses only, however, those who attend one of these courses will have a greater chance of meeting the required standards per SCV Code syllabus. The preparatory course is approved by VISR and based on the IMO Model course. Individuals may apply to the VISR without attending or passing a CBM course offered by HLSCC.

Caribbean Boat Master License consists of two preparation courses

Cost: \$500 ea

- **Grade 2/3 [AMS 132]** to meet the requirements for Grade 2 or 3 license

CBM 2/3 is offered as "blended learning". The student may enroll at any time and complete the on-line lessons at their own pace. A 2 day on-campus workshop is then required for practical chart work and further assessment in order to qualify for the certificate. Students who are confident in their chart work abilities essential do not need to attend the workshop, but in such cases, will not receive the completion certificate.

- **Grade 1 [AMS 133]** to meet the additional requirements for a Grade 1 license.  
The Grade 1 course is a continuation from the 2/3 course, and a three (3) day module in Radar Navigation (Theory) and Electronic Navigational Aids is also required by VISR for certification.  
This module may also be taken independently by those who already have their Grade 1 License.

Reference should be made to the Code of Safety for small commercial vessels (SCV Code July 2017) which is available as a download from the VISR website. Particular attention should be paid to Chapter X and Annex 11 (syllabus).

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate competence of practical chartwork and navigation by completing exercises and assessments.
- Demonstrate knowledge in the various topic areas on the syllabus (as listed in Annex 11 of the SCV Code July 2017)
- Complete an oral questioning and written assessment.

### Course Registration

Upon registration, joining instructions and college health & safety documentation will be issued.

Early registration is encouraged to ensure a placement. Late registration will not be guaranteed for course placement.

The distance learning will be delivered by the online platform "Moodle". Following enrollment students will be given access to the online materials.

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