



SAS COASTAL SKIPPER EXAM

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

- A copy of your log book
- A copy of your VHF certificate
- A copy of your Level 1 First Aid certificate
- A copy of your SAS or SAMSA eye test (download form [here](#))
- Proof of identity - a copy of your SA ID book or SA drivers license or a copy of your passport
- Six ID colour photographs with your name printed on the back

!!! ALL ABOVE DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE PRESENT AS COPIES ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE PREP WEEK !!!

You may however proceed with your examination without your VHF certificate and your First Aid certificate provided you have booked for both. Your Coastal Skipper certificate will then be withheld until you have completed these formalities.

SAS COASTAL SKIPPER PRE-REQUISITES

THE PERSONAL LOG

A log book is required as proof of experience. The log book records the details of each voyage, and should be signed off by the skipper. If you are the skipper for a particular voyage you will sign for that voyage yourself.

QUALIFYING SEATIME

Qualifying miles are the total nautical miles logged on a sailing vessel at sea as skipper or as an active member of crew. However qualifying night hours are only those hours spent on watch at night from sunset to sunrise. Qualifying passages must be passages of 60 nautical miles or more as skipper or an active member of crew on a sailing vessel.

Power boat experience is not qualifying.

- **Seamiles:** 800nm
- **Night hours on watch:** 24
- **Passages:** Three trips of at least 60nm each

FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

Candidates for Coastal Skipper and above must hold a Level 1 First Aid Certificate.

RADIO OPERATORS LICENCE

All candidates require a Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Marine).

VISUAL ACUITY AND ISHIHARA COLOUR TEST

The eye test must be completed by a registered optician using the SAS form. The test is very quick and most opticians will do it for free. SAMSA have ruled that colour blind candidates may not qualify beyond Day Skipper as they consider colour vision to be essential for night sailing.

PLEASE NOTE

*First Aid certificate, VHF radio licence and visual acuity test report are **pre-course requirements**, and thus need to be provided prior to the course.*

*The qualifying mileage and passages listed above is an **exam pre-requisites**, not a pre-course requirement and parts of the qualifying seatime will be covered during the Coastal Skipper course.*

AGE

The candidate must be at least 16 years of age.