



Definition of a Passage

1. Qualifying passages for Yachtmaster Ocean and Offshore should be non stop by the shortest navigable route with no change of skipper. Passages such as recognised races which may not comply exactly with these requirements may be submitted to the RYA for approval before the voyage.
2. Trainee skippers undertaking 60 mile passages are strongly advised to obtain a Coastal Skipper qualification first.
3. For Ocean passages the following definition will apply.

“Throughout the passage the candidate must have acted in a responsible capacity either in sole charge of a watch or as a skipper”.

4. Ocean candidates may take their sights on a shorter passage than the qualifying passage. The examiner will determine whether the candidate is competent at astro navigation.

Examiners are responsible for establishing the level of a candidates competence during the exam. Where a candidate’s qualifying mileage is doubtful examiners will question the candidate carefully.