

105. Yacht Master : Oral Examination.—He must give satisfactory answers as to his knowledge of making and taking in sail, and as to the management of a yacht under canvas in moderate and in stormy weather. He must have a thorough knowledge of the rule of the road at sea as regards both steamers and sailing-vessels, their regulation lights and fog and sound signals; and be able to describe the signals of distress, and the signals to be made by ships wanting a pilot, and the liabilities and penalties incurred by the misuse of these signals. He must also understand the use and management of the rocket apparatus in the event of his vessel being stranded. He must be able to mark and use the lead and log lines; to cast a vessel on a lee shore; to moor and unmoor a yacht; to keep a clear anchor, and to carry out an anchor. He must know how to keep his vessel out of the trough of the sea in the event of accident; how to rig rafts and jury rudders, &c., and what steps to take if his vessel is disabled or unmanageable, and drifting towards a lee shore. He will also be examined as to his resources for the preservation of the crew in the event of wreck. He must possess a knowledge of the measures he should adopt for preventing and checking an outbreak of scurvy on board. He will also be expected to possess a knowledge of what the master of a yacht is required to do by the Merchant Shipping Acts and the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, and to answer any other questions relating to the management of a yacht, either steam or sailing, which the Examiner may ask. (88.)

CERTIFICATES FOR PLEASURE YACHTS IN NEW ZEALAND WATERS.

106. Age, Requirements, &c.—A candidate must be not less than nineteen years of age.

The examination for these certificates is purely voluntary, and is confined to those who own or part own pleasure yachts in New Zealand waters. The certificate will not entitle the holder to command any vessel except a pleasure yacht in New Zealand waters.

Candidates are not required to have served any specified time afloat, as it is believed that their sea knowledge will be sufficiently tested by the examination they will have to pass in seamanship.

Testimonials as to character, including sobriety for at least twelve months preceding the date of application to be examined, will be required of all candidates.

A candidate will be required to produce a statutory declaration to the effect—(1) That he is the sole or part owner of a yacht; (2) that the yacht is sea-going; (3) that it is not to be used for trading purposes. He will also be required to fill up the form of application (Form Exn. 2), and pay the fee of £1 at a Mercantile Marine Office, as prescribed in para. 4. In all other respects, except that the candidate will not be required to produce a first-aid certificate, the regulations relating to the examinations of masters of home-trade ships will apply in these cases. (88 N.Z.)

EXAMINATION.

The examination in navigation will be the same as that for master home-trade.

107. Voluntary Examination in Compass Deviation.—Any person holding a certificate as master or mate of any grade in the foreign trade, or as master or first mate home-trade, or as master of his own pleasure yacht, who wishes to pass a voluntary examination in compass deviation, can be examined at any port where examinations are held, upon filling up the form of application (Exn. 2) and paying the fee of £1.

If the candidate passes, the fact, with the date and place of passing, will be endorsed upon his certificate. (89.)

108. (1) Voluntary Examination in Signalling.—All persons who hold, or have passed for, or are candidates for, a certificate of competency of any grade may undertake the voluntary examination in signalling.

If the candidate passes, the fact, with the date and place of passing, will be recorded upon his certificate of competency. The candidate will be required to attain a minimum speed of twelve words a minute in semaphore and ten words a minute in morse flashing. (See Appendix D.)

Candidates may be examined at any port where examinations are held upon filling up the form of application (Exn. 2) and paying the fee of £1. (See Appendix A.)

No fee, however, will be charged for this examination if it is taken at the same time as that at which a candidate is examined for any certificate of competency.