

**Endorsements to Operate Australian Yachting Federation Approved
Sailing School Vessels in NSW**
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The NSW Maritime Authority has an agreement with the Yachting Association of NSW (YA) to allow the following unsurveyed sailing vessels between 6 and 13 metres in length to operate commercially within NSW waters only:

- a) Those carrying trainee crew participating in a Sail Training Course recognised by YACHTING AUSTRALIA and
- b) Those operated by a sailing school in accordance with a valid numbered YA NSW Sailing School Approval Certificate. This indicates that it is a YACHTING AUSTRALIA Approved Training Centre conducting YACHTING AUSTRALIA National Sail Training Courses and operating under any specific conditions set for the particular vessel(s) being operated.

Sailing vessels SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED from the agreement are:

- Those engaged in corporate days, or
- Those engaged in corporate team building events such as charters, regattas, races or
- Those involved in the carriage of passengers for money or any other valuable consideration, and other similar activities.

For such use the vessel(s) must be in commercial vessel survey and crewed by persons holding appropriate grades of certificates of competency.

Qualifications required:

Persons intending to operate approved YACHTING AUSTRALIA sailing school vessels that are covered by this agreement and who do not hold a current Certificate of Competency/Validity as Coxswain or Master 5 appropriate to the length of the vessel, must obtain a NSW Maritime endorsement that is placed into their YA logbook.

To obtain an endorsement (valid for 5 years) you will need to hold an Australian Yachting Federation (YACHTING AUSTRALIA) certificate endorsed as Instructor and obtain a letter of authorisation from Yachting NSW.

NSW Maritime endorsements are obtained by submitting an application form (available from either a NSW Maritime office or on this website under "Commercial Vessels - Forms") to the Authority with ALL of the following:

- the letter of approval from the YA NSW
- the YACHTING AUSTRALIA logbook (properly completed)
- the training requirements listed on the table on the next page
- two colour passport photographs

- evidence of meeting the eyesight/medical standards of the Authority as per the application form
- payment of the prescribed fee (see “Fees” at this website)

You may phone the NSW Maritime certification section (02) 9563 8769 for an application form or further details.

Postal Address:

NSW Maritime (Marine Certification)
Locked Bag 5100
CAMPERDOWN NSW 1450

Please note that if you are forwarding documents by mail it is strongly recommended that you use either Express Post or Registered Post to allow for tracking of your mail in the event of its loss.

Qualified yachtmasters (YA, RYA or IYT) may apply to NSW Maritime for a restricted certificate of competency to operate surveyed sailing vessels. Such certificates will be restricted to fore and aft rigged sailing vessels with auxiliary engines of less than 75kW propulsion power rating. Because they are restricted the certificates are valid for use in NSW jurisdiction only and certificate holders will need to be aware that they may not be recognised in other Australian state jurisdictions.

The major difference between these restricted certificates and the Sailing School endorsements is that an oral examination conducted by NSW Maritime must be passed prior to issue of a certificate. See “Competencies for Masters/Coxswain” at this site.

Endorsements to YACHTING AUSTRALIA Certificates

Maximum Vessel Length/ Power	Plying Limit	Min Age	Prerequisite Minimum Qualifying Service	Other Eligibility Requirements	Additional Training Modules
Authorised to operate an YACHTING AUSTRALIA /NSW Maritime approved Sailing School Vessel less than 12m	Sheltered Waters (Partially smooth or smooth water limits are defined in the Commercial Vessels (Permits) Regulations 1986	18	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Holder of Inshore Skipper (Endorsed as Instructor) * YACHTING AUSTRALIA NSW letter of authorisation * Medical/Eyesight assessment * Two colour passport photos * Proof of identity * Completed application form including Summary of Qualifying Service 	* Approved First Aid Course
Authorised to operate an YACHTING AUSTRALIA /NSW Maritime approved Sailing School Vessel less than 16m	within 15 nautical miles from the coast	18	Currently under REVIEW		For any coastal/offshore endorsement the following training courses must be completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency * First Aid Course (Workcover Approved) * Marine Survival Training course. (This course must include a wet drill component involving use of an inflatable liferaft in a simulated abandon ship exercise – i.e. the module from Elements of Shipboard Safety, the Maritime Industry Training Package, Occupational Health & Safety at Sea, or an YACHTING AUSTRALIA approved course.)
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