



# Diploma in Superyacht Surveying

2025/26

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# Why Choose Maritime Training Academy?

### The Distance Learning Experts

Since its formation Maritime Training Academy has been successfully providing specialist, expert training to marine professionals around the globe.

In recent years the Academy has significantly grown, offering an ever expanding training portfolio across several sectors of the maritime industry, from Superyachts to Shipping and Marine Surveying.

Delivered by distance learning our courses are managed and run by established professionals within the maritime industry. We are constantly pushing back the boundaries of knowledge with discoveries that are benefiting the industry.

Due to our rigorous academic standards, our qualifications are highly respected internationally.

### Outstanding Teaching

Our study material is written by industry experts who are actively working in their specialist fields. We provide outstanding teaching as a result of extensive research and close links within the maritime industry. Our tutors are practising professionals with strong academic and industry backgrounds, with sector-specific skills and practical experience.

### World-Class Learning

The inspiring thing about studying with us is not just what you learn but how you learn. We have taken flexible learning to a whole new level. We will connect you with the things that inspire you, wherever you are and wherever you come from. Providing high quality distance learning enables you to learn in your own time, at home, on board or wherever you choose. We are not campus based – reading material is supplied for assignments with regular support from your tutor. We will challenge you, inspire you, stretch your understanding and make you question ideas that you have always taken for granted – it is truly world-class learning.

### Excellent Support and Guidance

You will enjoy full support throughout your studies with module tutors to guide, advise and offer comprehensive feedback on your course work. Support is offered by MTA staff and fellow students at tutorials, or as part of the global community of students who can be reached through online student forums and social media sites.

### International Recognition

Our long established distance learning courses are endorsed by industry associations and our Diplomas are also recognised by the University of Portsmouth.



Course Director

**Ian Biles**

**Managing Director at  
Maritime Services International**

Ian has led MSI to become one of the world's leading surveying companies. Ian's qualifications include: Master Mariner, RYA Yachtmaster Ocean, Naval Architect (BEng Ship Science) and Business Management (MA Business Management).

In addition to his wealth of knowledge, Ian has personally carried out over 200 surveys on superyachts up to 115 metres in length.



Maritime Services International  
Surveying | Consultancy | Investigation | Legal

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# Superyacht Surveying

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Our unique Superyacht Surveying Diploma is the most advanced distance learning course available within this specialist field.

## About the Course

Superyachts are a fascinating part of the maritime industry. Glamorous, expensive and in some cases huge. For many surveyors they are seen as a potential future source of income extending their survey practices whether in Yachts and Small Craft or Commercial Shipping into this market. This course is aimed at giving the prospective surveyor the background information they will need so that he or she can enter the market properly prepared to face the specific challenges that superyachts provide.

Detailed information on module content is available at [maritimetrainingacademy.com](http://maritimetrainingacademy.com)

## Course Structure

The course consists of 11 modules. All students are required to successfully complete and pass the module assignments. Diploma students will also be required to sit and pass a final examination.

## Who is the Course Suitable for?

The Diploma in Superyacht Surveying is suitable for prospective surveyors, giving them the background information they will need so that he or she can enter the market properly prepared to face the specific challenges that superyachts provide.

## How to Enrol

Register as early as you can for the start of the course on 1st April. The registration period will be kept open until 30th September. Students can start from the point of their enrolment at any time between these dates.

Complete the application form and send with your payment to enrol for the course to:  
MTA, Peel House, Upper South View, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7JN, England.

## Course Enquiries

+44 (0)1252 739779

**[courses@maritimetrainingacademy.com](mailto:courses@maritimetrainingacademy.com)**  
**[maritimetrainingacademy.com](http://maritimetrainingacademy.com)**

## Commencement Date

1st April 2025

## Duration

Maximum of 18 months from the course start date.

## Course Completion Dates

April 2026 and October 2026

## Examinations for Diploma Students

Students have two dates to choose from.

**Dates:** April 2026 or October 2026

**Venue:** UK

**Overseas students:** For overseas diploma students unable to attend our UK examination centre, alternative arrangements can be made to sit the exam in their country of residence. Any additional fees involved will be the students responsibility.

**On passing the Diploma you will receive this badge:**



Please use on your business cards, LinkedIn profiles and any other personal marketing material. You can also use these letters after your name: MTA Dip SYS

## Course Fees

**Diploma - £2,950.00**

This covers the 11 modules as PDFs, student assignment marking, examination costs and the issuing of a Diploma.

**Online Examination - £100**

If students choose to sit their final examination online instead of at an approved venue they will need either a laptop or desktop computer with reliable, fixed line internet connection, working microphone and camera.

**Certificate - £2,150.00**

This includes the 11 modules as PDFs and marking of the student assignments.

## Individual Modules

£250 - Module content only.

£400 - Module content, assessment and certification.

**Printed Certificate - £50**



I enjoyed the content and the freedom to complete the courses without pressure, at leisure and online. It was an enjoyable way to learn



*Mario Funicelli, Seaward Yachting*

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# Course Syllabus\*

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## Superyacht Surveying

- » **An Introduction to the Superyacht Industry and Superyacht Surveying**
  - Introduction
  - Historical development
  - Different types and styles of yacht
  - The industry today, designers, builder, brokers, insurers, managers and crew
  - Flag State and classification
  - Owners and their requirements
  - Surveys and survey organisations
  - The professional surveyor
  - What makes a good surveyor?
  - Types of surveys
  - The role of the superyacht surveyor
  - Where can the superyacht be found?
  - Future trends
- » **Regulatory Framework for Superyachts**
  - Legal concepts
  - The law of contract
  - The law of tort (negligence)
  - Liability in contract and tort
  - Responsibilities
  - The expert witness and the law of evidence
  - Maritime law
  - Admiralty law and jurisdiction
  - International maritime law
  - Shipboard documentation
  - Codes of practice for commercially operated yachts
  - Maritime Labour Convention (MLC)
  - The Flag State
  - Pollution
  - Governmental control of shipping
  - Port State Control
  - Marine insurance
  - Types of insurance cover
  - Risks covered by P&I insurance
  - Classification societies
  - Claims and surveyor
- » **Surveying the Main Engines and Auxiliaries**
  - Main engine types and associated issues
  - The propulsion system
  - Auxiliaries, generators and associated issues
  - Control systems
  - Exhaust systems
  - Dynamic Positioning (DP)
  - Gathering and recording information
  - Recommendations and responsibility
  - Planning, procedures and tools
- » **Surveying the Onboard Systems**
  - Superyacht systems
  - Oil systems
  - Seawater plumbing systems
  - Fresh water plumbing systems
  - Black and grey water systems
  - Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems
  - Electrical systems
  - Navigation systems
  - Fire detection and alarm system
  - Stabilisers and thrusters
- » **Superyacht Toys**
  - Introduction
  - Helicopters
  - Submarines
  - Tenders
  - Watersports safety
  - Inflatables
  - Jet skis and WaveRunners
  - Diving
  - Drones
  - Miscellaneous

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\*Material is constantly updated which may affect the order in which modules are released.

» **Surveying the Interior**

- Introduction
- Inventories
- Assessing training levels of crew
- The interior inspection

» **Surveying the Safety Equipment and Systems**

- Introduction
- The fire triangle
- Fixed firefighting protection
- Life saving equipment and appliances
- Security systems

» **Superyacht Sea Trials**

- Introduction
- Equipment
- Engine tests
- Steering tests
- Information recording and reporting
- Example of a sea trial report

» **Specific Areas**

- Introduction
- Glass Installations
- Lifting Equipment
- Garage Doors
- Slide Doors and Balconies
- Passerelles, Gangways and Accommodation Ladders
- Retractable Beach Clubs and Swim Platforms
- Swimming Pools and Jacuzzis
- Decks and Decking
- Lifts and Elevators
- Helicopter Decks and Hangar

» **Surveying the Hull and Superstructure**

- Structure
- Welding
- Structural Strength
- Main Structural Components
- Use of Superyacht Plans
- Determination of Condition
- Surveys and Surveying Methods
- Presentation of Information

» **Superyacht Finishing**

- Initial assessment
- Practical application
- Inspection and recording information
- Tenders, toys and other areas
- The hull and underwater areas
- Exterior brightwork
- Exterior decks
- The interior surfaces
- Tools and equipment
- Recommendations and responsibility

# Enhancing Careers for a Brighter Tomorrow

Boatyard  
and Marina  
Operations

Health and  
Safety in Ship  
Operations

LNG  
Shipping

Marine  
Insurance  
Claims

Marine  
Pilotage

Marine Salvage  
Operations



Maritime Fire  
Prevention,  
Firefighting  
and Fire Safety

Maritime  
Law

Maritime  
Studies

Offshore  
Operations

Offshore Wind  
Energy

Port State  
Control

Restoration  
of Historic  
Ships and  
Boats

Shipbuilding  
and  
Ship Repair



Ship  
Security

Ship  
Surveying

Superyacht  
Management

Superyacht  
Operations



Superyacht  
Project  
Management  
– Refit and  
Newbuilding

Superyacht  
Pursers

Superyacht  
Surveying

Tanker  
Operations

Technical Ship  
Management

UHNW Asset  
Management on  
Superyachts

Yacht and  
Boat Building

Yacht and  
Small Craft  
Surveying

Yacht  
Brokerage

Short Courses

# Terms and Conditions

## The Course

**Teaching Method:** Our courses are delivered by distance learning, unless otherwise stated.

**Course Duration:** Commencing April 2025 you have a maximum of 18 months from the course start date to complete the modules and sit the exam.

## Course Material

**Course Language:** Our courses are conducted entirely in English, in verbal and written format.

**Delivery of Modules:** Available online via your secure student login.

Every effort will be made by the organisers to upload the modules monthly but due to unforeseen circumstances they cannot be held liable for any delays.

**Presentation:** The modules provide the basic knowledge for the whole course. Each module is designed to be self-contained. However, we highly recommend that candidates make every effort to increase their knowledge by reference to other sources.

**Recommended Reading:** A reading list will be provided where applicable.

**Access:** You agree not to access the Course Material for any reason other than for your personal use and solely for the purpose of study. You agree not to distribute any part or parts of the Course Material in any medium without MTA's prior written authorisation.

Access to the course material will be given on receipt of payment. Any outstanding fees will also become payable on accessing the material.

## Student Assignments

**Student Assignments:** One included with each module. They are a compulsory element of the course and must be completed six weeks prior to the exam.

**Self-Assessed Questions:** Some modules contain self-assessment questions designed to help candidates consolidate their knowledge.

**Studying Time:** We recommend 10 to 30 hours study time per module, with additional time being set aside for completing the student assignments.

## Tutor Support

**Tutorials:** Students can choose to participate in a tutorial which will be held before the Diploma exam in **April 2026** and **October 2026**. It is not compulsory but is beneficial and an excellent opportunity to meet fellow students, the Course Director, authors and tutors.

**Tutors and Authors:** To support you during your studies, tutors and authors are available to help with any questions or technical queries by e-mail and student forums.

## Administration

For matters relating to enrolment, payment of fees, change of enrolment details, module mailings, please contact the Course Manager:

Tel: **+44 (0)1252 739779**

E-mail: **courses@maritimetrainingacademy.com**

## Examination

Examinations will be held in **April 2026** and **October 2026**.

A 6 month extension is also available upon application.

**Exam Length:** Three hour written or online examination. All exams are Closed Book.

**Sitting Overseas:** Students must make their own arrangements to sit their examination at a suitable venue approved by the Course Administration Office at least 6 weeks prior to their examination date. Any expenses incurred will be to the students own account.

Alternatively students can sit the examination online instead of at an approved venue. They will need either a laptop or desktop computer with reliable, fixed line internet connection, working microphone and camera.

**Certificate:** Students who successfully complete the compulsory student assignments, but do not take the examination, will receive a certificate if they successfully achieve the required grades to pass.

## The Marking Structure

**Assignments:** Constitute 27% of the final mark.

**Examination:** Constitutes 73% of the final mark.

**Pass Mark:** For the Diploma written examination is 75%. For the student assignments a minimum mark of 40% is required.

## Course Fees

**Certificate Fee:** The basic course fee is **£2,150.00**. This includes the course modules as PDFs and marking of the student assignments.

**Diploma Fee:** For Diploma candidates the fee is **£2,950.00**. This covers the course modules as PDFs, student assignment marking, examination costs and the issuing of a Diploma.

**Online Examination:** For a fee of **£100.00** Diploma students can choose to sit their final examination online instead of at an approved venue.

**Printed Certificate:** On successfully completing the course students will receive their Certificate via email. A printed Certificate can be posted for a fee of **£50.00**.

**Printed Modules Fee:** In addition to the course PDFs, we also offer students the option of purchasing the modules in a hard copy format. Please note, this option is NOT mandatory in order to complete the course. The printed modules option is charged at an additional fee of **£300**.

**Air Courier Fee:** For an additional fee of **£300**. Recommended for candidates in areas experiencing problems with their postal system. Other overseas mail will be sent by airmail only.

**Extension Fee:** If you are unable to complete the course in the 18 months allocated from the start date, you can apply for a further 6 month extension for **£250**.

**Reregistration Fee:** We offer reregistration onto the course for lapsed students at 50% of the course costs. You will have the opportunity to resubmit any student assignments or carry any existing marks forward into the new academic year to be counted towards your final exam results.

**Resit exams:** You are entitled to resit your exam once at a fee of **£250**.

**Not included in the fees:** Any travel or food costs or accommodation if required. Any expenses which may be incurred in arranging a suitable examination venue.

**Discounts:** Available for group registrations. Please contact MTA for details. Tel: + **44 (0)1252 739779** or **courses@maritimetrainingacademy.com**

**VAT:** Will be added at the standard UK rate where applicable. Please contact us for details.

**Reclaiming VAT:** Companies outside the UK may be entitled to reclaim VAT and need to contact their local tax authorities.

## Payment Plan

Please contact us to discuss if the course fees can be split into smaller instalments.

## Payment Methods

**Payment:** Payment must be made upon application by bank transfer or credit card. Fees will be refunded in full should applications be declined.

**Bank Transfer:** MPI Group bank account, National Westminster Bank, 19 Shaftsbury Avenue, London, W1A 4QQ, UK

Account Number: **06532381**  
Sort Code: **56-00-29**

**Credit Card:** Payment can be made securely via the Sagepay link on the invoice or we can arrange for our accounts team to call to take payment by card.

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellations can only be made in writing before the start date of the course. Course fees less an administrative charge of £500 will be refunded. After the start of a course the student becomes liable for all course fees due.

**Course content is subject to change at the discretion of the Course Director.**

## Data Protection

We record your personal information when you contact us and use this to manage registration, study, examination and other services. When you register, we will tell you more about how we process and use your personal information.



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# Application for Enrolment



Please complete in **black ink** and **CAPITAL** letters

Personal Details		
Title:	Forename:	Surname:
Date of Birth:	Nationality:	
Country of Permanent Residence:		
Education/Experience		
Company/Employer:		How many years of industry experience?
Your Position:		

Course selection and fees (please tick the course you wish to study)					
Course:	Diploma £2,950	Certificate £2,150	Course:	Diploma £2,950	Certificate £2,150
Boatyard and Marina Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ship Surveying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Safety in Ship Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Superyacht Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LNG Shipping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Superyacht Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marine Insurance Claims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Superyacht Project Management - Refit and Newbuilding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marine Pilotage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Superyacht Pursers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marine Salvage Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Superyacht Surveying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maritime Fire Prevention, Firefighting and Fire Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tanker Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maritime Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Ship Management Specialist Module: Marine Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offshore Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Ship Management Specialist Module: Technical Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offshore Wind Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	UHNW Asset Management on Superyachts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Port State Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yacht and Boat Building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restoration of Historic Ships and Boats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yacht and Small Craft Surveying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shipbuilding and Ship Repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yacht Brokerage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ship Security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Optional fees:					
Online examination priced at £100.00 <input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>Certificates:</b>					
Printed certificate £50.00 <input type="checkbox"/>					
Printed Certificate courier fee £25.00 <input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>Modules:</b>					
Printed modules option (in addition to PDFs already included within the course fee, modules to be sent quarterly) priced at £500.00 per course <input type="checkbox"/>					
Modules courier fee £375.00 per course (modules to be sent quarterly) <input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>VAT</b> (to be charged at standard UK rate of 20% where applicable) =					

**TOTAL** £

How did you hear about the course? (please state)			
1. Publication		4. Word of mouth	
2. Event		5. Institute	
3. Website link		6. Other	

Correspondence Address:	
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Email:	Mobile:
Billing Address (if different from correspondence address):	
	Post Code:
VAT number (If applicable):	
Tel No:	Fax No:
Email:	Mobile:

Payment (I am paying in full by)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am making a payment directly to the MPI Group bank account at: MPI Group, National Westminster Bank Plc, 19 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W1A 4QQ, UK <b>Account No:</b> 06532381 <b>Sort Code:</b> 56-00-29 <b>Swift Code:</b> NWBK GB2L <b>IBAN:</b> GB35 NWBK 5600 2906 5323 81
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am making a payment by credit/debit card <input type="checkbox"/> I will pay via the secure Sagepay link on the invoice <input type="checkbox"/> Please can your accounts team call me for my card details

Declaration	
I confirm that the statements made by me on this form are correct. I agree to abide by the course terms and conditions:	
Signed:	Dated:
Data Protection: We would like to keep you informed of MPI Group's products and services and may also from time to time make your details available to carefully screened companies who may be of interest to you. However, if you specifically do not wish your details to be used, please tick here <input type="checkbox"/>	