

EMERGENCY VESSEL HANDLER

Course Prospectus

The Emergency Vessel Handler certificate was developed in co-operation with the fishing and workboat industries and Maritime NZ as an alternative option to requiring two skippers on a vessel.

This is both more economical for operators and provides newer entrants to the maritime workforce with a great option for progressing their career path.

Qualification: Emergency Vessel Handler

Aim: To gain the required competencies to act as an Emergency Vessel Handler if something happens to the skipper.

Maritime NZ requires fishing and non-passenger vessels over 24m up to 500 tonnes, operating in restricted limits, to either have a second skipper with at least an SRL <24m on board or a crew member holding their Emergency Vessel Handler certificate.

Timeframe: 1 – 3 months of self-paced learning, where you work through an interactive, illustrated workbook with the help of your skipper and a tutor available by phone and email, followed by any required additional training and a final assessment.

Recognition: This program is approved by Maritime NZ to meet the requirements of the minimum safe crewing documents

Price: \$1500.00 +GST

Location: You complete all training and the assessment on your own vessel. Our trainer/assessor comes to you.

This program is designed to be completed by the student on the company vessel with the help and supervision of their skipper, with phone and email support from our trainer as needed.

An interactive workbook helps the student develop all required practical skills and theoretical knowledge that will be assessed by the STNZ assessor.

Any skill or knowledge gaps will be addressed by the assessor to ensure that the student is confident with the following competencies for taking control in the case of an emergency.

Main competences covered:

- Emergency equipment
- Anchoring
- Basic firefighting
- PPE
- Securing a boat
- Potential dangers
- Handling water ingress
- Handling running aground
- Towing
- Vessel loading
- Dangers of head and following seas
- Fuel efficiency
- Basic chart symbols
- GPS
- Radar
- Compass
- Tidal charts
- Weather
- Day shapes and vessel lights
- Cardinal marks
- Restricted visibility
- Risk of collision
- Basic maritime rules
- Sending distress messages
- Flares
- Managing hypothermia

Practical drills:

- Fire
- Grounding
- Loss of steering
- Collision
- Medical (incapacitation of skipper)
- Water ingress

Process:

