

EMERGENCY VESSEL HANDLER

Course Prospectus

Our Emergency Vessel Handler training and assessment program was developed in co-operation with the non-passenger workboat industry in the Top of the South and Maritime NZ to offer an alternative to having a Mate holding their SRL <24 on board.

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

Qualification: Emergency Vessel Handler

Aim: To provide a possible alternative option for companies to employ a skilled deckhand without the need to carry a mate who holds an SRL <24 when operating within enclosed limits. We can tailor our program to assist operators who are operating non-passenger vessels over 24m up to 500GT in restricted limits.

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

Recognition: The EVH training may only be used where a certificate of competency would otherwise be required, if this has been authorised by Maritime NZ via the MSCD and/or exemption process. The operator needs to work through this with MNZ and make applications as required. We're happy to help.

Location: All training and the assessment is completed on the company 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 on their company's vessel.

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

The process once approval has been granted by MNZ:

