



1 Q Why should I do this course?

A This course is designed as a command-level entry into the Australian coastal maritime industry. It provides you with a nationally-recognised qualification that can lead to jobs as skippers on boats up to 12 metres long or as deckhands or mates on larger boats.

A past MIP student has been awarded a full scholarship to the Australia Maritime College to study a Bachelor of Applied Science (Nautical Science).

2 Q Is the course SACE approved and do you get SACE marks towards it?

A Yes. Students who satisfactorily complete this course while undertaking SACE will gain 60 SACE Credit Points.

3 Q What is the minimum age of a student to be accepted to in to this course?

A Students must be 16 years of age or over at the start date of the course.

Students also must be Australian Citizens

4 Q What is the minimum school year level required to do this course?

A This course is aimed at year 11 students because SACE credit points can only be gained in Stage 1 (Year 11) for a Certificate 2.

5 Q How much does this course cost?

A If you undertake this course as part of a vocational education pathway through SACE, there may be a \$100 fee to pay. This is GST free and paid to your Home School. See: www.wats.edu.au

6 Q How long does this course run?

A 2 Semesters (1 year) 4 weeks in total delivered 1 week per term for each of the year's four terms. There is also a 2-3 day voyage on the Tall Ship One and All

7 Q What are the daily course hours?

A The course starts at 8.30am and finishes at approximately 4.00pm each day.

8 Q Will there be any homework in this course?

A Some out of hours study and assignments will be required.

- 9 Q What is the Certificate that I will gain once the course is completed?**
- A Upon successful completion of the program you will be awarded a Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal) and the regulatory pre-requisite Elements of Shipboard Safety Certificate.
- 10 Q What can we do once the course is completed?**
- A Either sign up for and compete a Commonwealth Government-approved Task Book and log 30 days commercial sea time; You will be able to log commercial sea time on the Tall ship One and All. Alternatively you can log 240 days commercial/recreational sea time
- Once you have gained your sea time and a marine radio Long Range Operators Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP), you can sit the Maritime Regulator's oral examination and then be issued with your Coxswain Certificate of Competency (your 'ticket').
- 11 Q Why do I need a Long Rang Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP)**
- A The LROCP is a Government pre-requisite that must be attained before you are allowed to sit for your final examination with the Maritime Regulator.
- 12 Q How do I get my LROCP ticket?**
- A Students who satisfactorily complete and pass the Pathway course are eligible to do a Marine Radio course at Australian Maritime and Fisheries Academy. The *MARC020 Transmit and Receive Information by Marine Radio* course is offered for \$150 to MIP program students. This offer is only valid for 12 months after completing the course. After this time, students are required to pay the full course fee.
- 13 Q Do you help students with sea time?**
- A YES. AMFA has no jurisdiction over any matter concerning sea time. However, we do pay for crew membership for twelve months on the tall ship One and All where students can get have their log books filled in to help gain their sea time. We also occasionally provide leads on jobs or contacts of companies that may be looking to hire recent graduates in order to help you gain your sea time.
- 14 Q Why is an eye test required?**
- A If you are colour blind there will be restrictions on the maritime licence you can be issued by the Maritime Regulator, for example, being restricted to working in daylight hours.
- 15 Q Contact the Academy if you have any further question.**