



## **What is STCW Basic Training & Why do I need it?**

### **How STCW evolved**

STCW is the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and watchkeeping for seafarers produced by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The STCW Convention from 1978 entered into force in April 1984 and since then has gone through several amendments, most noticeably the 1995 and 2010 amendments.

The latest amendment of 2010 (known as the Manila amendments) was mainly due to the introduction of security awareness.

Any crew member working on a commercial ship or Yacht are required to have the STCW Basic Training certificate.

### **STCW Recognition between countries**

The IMO produced a list of countries known as the 'White List' which distinguishes the nations that have displayed and established a plan of full compliance with the STCW Convention and Code and have mutual recognition. For example, if you have a STCW Basic training certificate from a Maritime School approved by the US Coastguard, this is accepted by the United Kingdom MCA and vice versa.

### **What is STCW Basic Training?**

Basic Training covers the following modules and prepares crew to safely perform their duties on board:

#### **STCW Basic Training Covers 4 Modules**

- **Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (Basic Fire Fighting A-VI/1-1)**
- **Personal Survival Techniques (PST A-VI/1-2)**
- **Elementary First Aid (Basic First Aid A-VI/1-3)**
- **Personal Safety & Social Responsibilities (PSSR A-VI/1-4)**

With Seven Seas Preparatory Academy, the STCW Basic course is a combination of online theory and 2 days of practical training, known as blended training.

Seven Seas Preparatory provides the blended basic training and confirms to the latest requirements, accepted by companies and yacht registries, this can be found here [STCW Basic Training Course](#)