

CROATIAN SKIPPER LICENCE „B“

During six-day summer cruise you will acquire enough practical skills to enable you safe operation of sailing yacht under normal METEO conditions (say up to 5 Bf winds). For safe navigation in stronger winds, however, longer experience is desirable.

There is also enough time to learn reading nautical maps and to acquire basic knowledge of a terrestrial navigation. Therefore forth day of your training, i.e. on Tuesday, you will be ready to pass at the „Kapetanija“ Šibenik the examination for croatian skipper licence „B“. Passing this exam, you will be eligible to operate yachts up to 30 BT (brutto-registered tons) and of size up to LOA (length-over-all) 15 m.

There are no special language requirements and you may pass the exam in your native language. For further skipper career, however, some practice in spoken english is recommended. At the exam you will be given only basic questions and our instructor will make absolutely sure that you know correct answers. We cooperate with croatian nautical authorities more than ten years and failure at the exam is more than exceptional. For the exam you need your ID (e.g. passport) and two photos 2,5 x 3,5 cm. Your skipper licence will be issued before your saturday's departure from Croatia. For your skipper training our instructor and also captain of your yacht are responsible.

On your licence you can read:

„The holder of this certificate has competency to operate:

- ***charter yachts up to 30 BT without professional crew***
- ***pleasure yachts up to 30 BT***
- ***all types of pleasure boats***
- ***cargo and fishing boats***

in the internal waters and territorial sea of Republic of Croatia.

Our notes:

- Faraway islands Palagruza, Svetac and Jabuka in middle of adriatic are under croatian jurisdiction. Therefore „territorial sea of Republic of Croatia“ cover in Dalmatia almost 50% of adriatic up to cca 50 to 70 M from croatian shoreline.
- Heavy-weather decision to sail or not is entirely up to skipper and crew unless special provisions are made by port authorities.
- „International“ skipper licences:
At the 2009 meeting of European Boating Association Dr.Gus Lewis, director of juridical department of RYA (Royal Yachting Assoc.), has been addressed with question:
„Which skipper licences are internationally recognized ?“

His answer:

„ Actually none. There is no int. agreement for small boats up to LOA 24m.“ [more...](#)

- Final decision about validity of your skipper licence is on the local nautical, police and customs authorities (if they are at all interested). However, you would not be the first who made it „around the world“ with croatian „B“. It is official certificate of skipper competence of Republic of Croatia.