

Commercial Powerboat Skipper Qualifying Experience Chart

The following chart provides you with an idea of the experience you will need to operate in various categories of water.

Please use the extract from the MCA MGN 280 (www.mcga.gov.uk) to see where your experience could qualify you to operate in categorised waters

Qualifying experience should be in an appropriate vessel, for example; if you have owned or crewed an 8 metre planing sports pleasure craft/fishing boat that would allow you to operate a similar sized commercial craft (it maybe acceptable to increase the length by 3 meters).

Area Category	Description	Qualifying Experience
6	To sea, within 3 miles from a nominated departure point(s) and never more than 3 miles from land, in favourable weather and daylight.	1 Year Logged operating in described waters
5	To sea, within 20 miles from a nominated departure point in favourable weather and	2 Years logged operating in described waters
4	Up to 20 miles from a safe haven, in favourable weather and daylight.	2 Years logged operating in described waters
3	Up to 20 miles from a safe haven.	2 Years logged operating in described waters
2	Up to 60 miles from a safe haven.	
1	Up to 150 miles from a safe haven.	
0	Unrestricted service.	