Unlimited Dual Officer Training Program





Summary

This training provides the highest possible qualification in the merchant navy, both in deck and engine departments. Graduates are thus eligible to work on all types and sizes of civilian ships. The courses provide comprehensive knowledge and operational skills for future Deck Officers and Engine Officers, with no tonnage or power limitations. This is why the training is called “unlimited and dual-purpose”.

After a scientific baccalaureate, I completed four years of study and one year of internship at the French National Maritime Academy in Marseille (ENSM).

Last diploma obtained: DESMM (equivalent to Master's level – EQF Level 7).

NB: For information on other maritime training programs, see the website of the French Institute of the Sea

The French National Maritime Academy

The ENMM was formerly called the “Hydrographic School”, which earned it the nickname “Hydro”. Today, it has been renamed ENSM – École Nationale Supérieure Maritime (school website).

3 Years of School

1999: Obtained the scientific baccalaureate and passed the competitive exam for entry into the 1st class merchant navy officer program.

1999–2002: Training completed at the ENMM Marseille (see description of the officer training program by the school)

2002: Diploma of Cadet Officer – 1st Class Merchant Navy, including:

First aid training

Firefighting techniques training

General Operator Certificate (GOC – GMDSS)

Survival Craft and Rescue Boats certificate (BAEERS)

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12-Month Internship as Cadet

As a cadet:

CMA-CGM container ship Douce France – First experience of navigation

Cruise ship Seven Seas Mariner – Training in a stimulating environment

Scientific research vessel L'Atalante

These internships led to the issuance by the maritime administration of the Unlimited Watchkeeping Certificate (Deck and Engine), allowing me to start my career as Third Officer.

Final Year of School

2005/2006: Final academic year at ENMM Marseille.

2006: Diploma of Advanced Studies in the Merchant Navy (DESMM)

Final thesis

: How to reduce operational pollution from ships.

Summary of Diplomas and Certificates

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Diplomas:

Cadet Officer – 1st Class Merchant Navy (2002)

Advanced Studies in the Merchant Navy – DESMM (2006), equivalent to a Master’s degree (Master 2)

Certificates:

Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (BAEERS) and fast rescue training

Ro-ro vessel safety certificates

General Operator Certificate (GOC – GMDSS)

Basic and advanced medical training onboard

Basic and advanced firefighting (CFBLI & CQALI)

Radar and ARPA

Ship Security Officer (SSO)

Designated Person Ashore – ISM (International Safety Management)

Internal ISM Auditor

Certificates of Competency:

Unlimited Officer of the Watch – Deck and Engine

Unlimited Second Officer

Unlimited Second Engineer

NB: A Certificate of Competency in the merchant navy requires both the corresponding academic diploma and a certain amount of sea time in the required role.

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