

**Reference No**

054/034

Duration

14 weeks

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Maritime
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School, HMS
COLLINGWOOD

IELTS

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per year

INTERNATIONAL SMALL SHIPS COMMAND COURSE (ISSCC)

AIM OF COURSE

To train officers, selected as Commanding Officers and Executive Officers of Mine Countermeasures Vessels, Offshore Patrol Vessels and Corvettes, in the safe handling and employment of ships in maritime operations.

OUTLINE SYLLABUS

The course anticipates a degree of prior experience (see Entry Standards below) both in the theory of maritime operations and in practice at sea. The broad areas of the syllabus are:

- ◆ Warfare environments refresher
- ◆ Explosive safety
- ◆ Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) (short course)
- ◆ Seamanship
- ◆ Board and search operations
- ◆ General and Tactical communications
- ◆ Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) – Short Range Certificate (SRC)
- ◆ CBRN 2A (Ships fire fighting and Damage Control)
- ◆ Passage planning
- ◆ Pilotage
- ◆ Blind pilotage and Radar
- ◆ Ship handling
- ◆ Meteorology
- ◆ Relative velocity
- ◆ Navigation aids, GPRS/Echo sounders/Logs/Gyros
- ◆ International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea
- ◆ Tides and time
- ◆ Chartwork
- ◆ One week of practical instruction in a Full Mission Bridge Simulator acting as the Commanding Officer during visual/blind pilotage, anchoring, ship handling and collision avoidance in accordance with The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea



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- ♦ One week of practical instruction in a Royal Navy warship (OPV/MPV) operating in the Clyde/Plymouth or Portsmouth exercise areas, conducting maritime exercises designed to test the students command and leadership abilities, ship handling and collision avoidance knowledge in accordance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Students will be trained to use the Maritime Tactical Estimate tool to determine the correct courses of action to achieve a specific mission

ENTRY STANDARDS

- ♦ Officers selected as Commanding Officers or Executive Officers of MCMV's, OPV's and Corvettes. Must be of the rank of senior Lt or above with at least 4 years seagoing experience.
- ♦ Ideally should have completed the RN's ILT, INOC or IPWO or national equivalents
- ♦ Eyesight standards are detailed at the front of the chapter

ASSESSMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS GAINED

Final examination to RN standards with required pass mark in:

- ♦ Rule of the Road Part A 100%
- ♦ Rule of the Road Part B 80%
- ♦ Officers will be awarded a Pass or an attendance certificate

POST COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Having been taught the general principles, students will be expected to relate those principles to their own vessels.

REMARKS

The course emphasises the command aspects of peacetime operation of MCMVs, OPVs and Corvettes in support of activities in the Exclusive Economic Zone. The tactical use of these vessels in war is covered within the IPWO courses.