

## PYA Service Record Book

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**Subject:** FW: SEA CHANGES

We have recently been made aware of certain changes concerning GMDSS revalidation and the requirements to obtain watchkeeping service for Officers who hold their OOW Certificate of Competency and who need to show watchkeeping service in order to obtain a Master (500gt/3000gt) ticket.

At a recent PYA seminar held during the Monaco Yacht Show, Registrar General and Chief Examiner, Captain Roger Towner, informed us of the following changes.

The definition originally read as follows as per MSN 1802:

- **WATCHKEEPING SERVICE:** This is actual sea service spent as a Watchkeeping Officer in full charge of a navigational watch for not less than eight out of every 24 hours whilst the vessel is engaged on voyage.
- **WATCHKEEPING SERVICE (amended):** This may now be recorded on a cumulative basis. This means that every 8 hours of watch keeping accrued may be counted as 1 day of watch keeping service and does not necessarily need to be in a 24 hour period as before. However, a maximum of 8 hours only may be accrued in a 24 hour period. Time spent at anchor associated with a passage (and if this passage is part of the same 24 hour voyage) whilst the Officer is engaged in a Bridge watch, can also be accepted.
- **GMDSS GOC REVALIDATION:** Sea Service of 365 days (in the last 5 years) is no longer a requirement in order to revalidate a GMDSS GOC (as was previously the case). Instead, 365 days of Yacht Service (time signed on the vessel) will be required in order to qualify for revalidation. The original GMDSS GOC must now be sent to the MCA Office in Southampton rather than in Cardiff (as was previously the case).

If members have any questions regarding the above information they can call the office (04 93 34 91 16) or email us at [info@pya.org](mailto:info@pya.org) and we would be pleased to help.

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