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### NauticEd Releases New Qualified Crew Member Rank

NauticEd increased its sailing certification offering today by making an exciting addition to the NauticEd family of Sailing Ranks. This announcement follows right on the heels of releasing the Safety at Sea clinic allowing for the advanced graduation to the Rank of NauticEd Captain.

“We’ve now added a Qualified Crew Member Rank which is super easy to gain with the right education and experience.. We’re really pulling the stops out these days and developing what a 21<sup>st</sup> century Sailing Certification should really look like” says Grant Headifen, Educational Director for NauticEd.

The Qualified Crew Member Rank applies to all those who have not yet made it to the Skipper, Bareboat Charter Master or Captain Rank. Or for those who own a boat, it can apply to all those people that sail on their boat and you wish their crew knew a little more.



The Qualified Crew Member Rank works similar to the other ranks in that the student must pass a NauticEd educational course and log experience in our FREE online logbook.

To become a Qualified Crew member, the student must pass either the Crew Member Course or the Skipper Course and, for level 1, log a minimum of 10 days on the water. Alternatively, the student can shortcut the 10 days by becoming Proficiency Verified through an accredited NauticEd Hands-On-School offering an on-the-water practical training class and logging just 4 days.

“This exciting announcement means that the Qualified Crew Member Rank is within realistic reach of anyone without compromising any educational and certification integrity. Following that, the step up to Skipper is again within easy reach” Said Headifen.

The levels in the Qualified Crew Member Rank are as follows:

- Level I – 10 Qualifying Days or 4 qualifying days with Practical Proficiency Verification
- Level II – 25 Qualifying Days
- Level III – 50 Qualifying Days
- Level IV – 100 Qualifying Days
- Level V – 200 Qualifying Days

The Practical Proficiency Verification stamp works like this:

- (1) Take the NauticEd Qualified Crew or Skipper Course
- (2) Visit an accredited NauticEd hands-on practical sailing school and request practical training to the Qualified Crew or Skipper rank.
- (3) When the instructor deems you proficient, he or she will electronically stamp the Sailing Certification.
- (4) Log at least 4 Qualified Crew Member days and ...
- (5) Your online Sailing Certification is instantly upgraded.

Qualified Crew Member Students are tested on the water using this guide.

<http://www.nauticed.org/sailing-school-instructor>

Students can take the Qualified Crew Member online course at <http://www.nauticed.org/courses> for \$37.50



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