



# South African Sailing Bulletin # 12/ 2003

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### 1. Conversion of Club Skipper's Tickets

SAMSA have made it clear to SAS, that the only skippers tickets they will recognise for pleasure sailing vessels are those tickets issued under ministerial exemption by CASA and later by SA Sailing.

In recognition of the experience of many yachtsmen who held Club issued tickets and not CASA or SAS tickets, SAS held a joint meeting of it's Offshore committee and Council members in which it was decided to allow conversion of Club certificates **without examination** to SAS tickets subject to certain guidelines which are:

- i) The Standard of the SAS ticket must not be compromised.
- ii) The interests of those yachtsmen with existing CASA or SAS tickets must be protected.
- ii) Applications must be made before 30 April 2004.

CASA and SAS have always converted Club Tickets directly to SAS Day Skippers certificates of competence and this is done via the SAS offices.

However, in this window period until April 2004, Club Tickets can be upgraded to either SAS Coastal or Offshore tickets without examination subject to:

- i) The applicant must submit a detailed log book or detailed CV providing information such as dates, boat name and type, details of passage or activity, time on board (Day and Night hours), distance sailed, whether skipper, watch chief etc.
- ii) The above information to be submitted through to the member's club safety committee and, if accepted, the Club should endorse the application in writing and this letter accompanies the member's application to SAS for his ticket.
- iii) SAS has set up a Review Body of examiners to consider these applications and to either award or reject it.
- iv) In certain cases, where the Review Body requires some clarification or information, or the applicant's case deserved further consideration, SAS reserved the right to call in the applicant for an interview. The interview is an opportunity for the Review Body to speak to the applicant and assess his or her knowledge and experience. The interview will result in the award being made or rejected.
- v) The decision of the Review Body is final and no appeals will be entertained.

In response to requests from members and the need to standardise such applications across the regions, the SAS Offshore Committee has decided to publish minimum experience requirements for ticket conversion without examination. These are as follows:

- i) Experience as Skipper of two non-stop coastal voyages of not less than 350 miles or one coastal voyage of 700 miles.
- ii) A minimum of 1600 miles distance sailed.
- iii) A minimum of 60 hours night experience.

### 2. Conversion of CASA Tickets

CASA tickets may be exchanged for equivalent SAS tickets at SAS offices. The exchanges must be completed by October 2004.

**3. Night Endorsement of Day Skippers tickets**

SAS Offshore committee is investigating the possibility of endorsing Day Skippers tickets for night sailing.

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