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Scottish Maritime Academy - Update

News Summary

- Very High demand for Class 2 Mates CoC (16.5m - 24m).
- Steady demand for Class 1 Skipper CoC (24m and over).
- New entrant demand remains healthy through Trainee Deckhand route, local skippers taking young graduates.
- Staffing levels currently good, no Full-Time teaching vacancies.



Course Overview

Class 1 Deck Officer Fishing (Skipper Ticket, over 24m)

- September '23 course, 6 participants / April '24 course, 8 applicants to date

Class 2 Deck Officer Fishing (Mates ticket, over 16.5m)

- January '24 course, 19 applicants to date / April '24 course, 10 applicants to date

Trainee Deckhand (Entry level course for young persons)

- Runs 3 times per year with average 10 students per cohort.



Growth Plans

- New Engine course planned: '70-hour workshop skills' for Small Vessels (Fraserburgh campus)
- Ongoing discussions with MCA regarding STCW-F amendments for Class 1, Class 2 and new under 16.5m CoC (new entrants/grandfather rights)
- From resulting 16.5m discussions, new mandatory short courses need developing.
- Enhance simulator technology to include fishermans safety training module.





Barriers to Growth

- GMDSS radio equipment is outdated and requires investment to retain AMERC approval.
- Usual struggles to attract school leavers into the sector, investment in technology required to help engagement.
- Scottish Further Education sector budget slashed, flat cash for next few years.



Thanks for your time. Any Questions?