

The Maritime Consultants

Marine Safety Services

Safety and quality programmes adopted by the maritime industry have become increasingly sophisticated in recent years. However, the prevention of accidents and environmental damage still depends largely on the ability of the ship's crew to respond promptly and professionally in a crisis situation.



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Working in the front line

BCTQ Marine Safety Services division (Formerly MSS) is at the forefront of the international maritime community's drive to improve safety, quality and environmental standards.

With almost 40 years of experience, we provide training where it counts - on board the vessel. Training and audits performed during the course of the voyage focus on the personnel, systems and equipment available to respond to external inspections and emergencies.

Flexible Shipboard Services

BCTQ provides a cost effective, voyage based solution to training and shipboard audit requirements. Each of our clients has distinct individual needs. We make every effort to match these needs with the individual expertise of the consultant, or consultants selected for the task.

Our clients benefit from a broad range of training options, which include:

Safe board shipping procedures

Accident prevention

Emergency response

Fire prevention and fire fighting

Rescue and resuscitation

Abandon ship and survival at Sea

Enclosed space entry

Cargo hazards

Breathing apparatus

Safety equipment use and maintenance

ISM code requirements

Atmosphere sampling equipment

Ship/ shore interface

Pollution avoidance

Inert gas operations

Compliance with regulatory and commercial requirements

BCTQ's Marine Safety Services consultants perform shipboard safety, quality and environmental audits to help ensure the vessels meet regulatory requirements and avoid costly delays and detentions. Our consultants conduct over 200 technical/ safety audits on board vessels of all types each year. They concentrate on the timely, identification of problems which could have significant safety and commercial consequences.

MCA Code Certifying Authority

BCTQ is an MCA appointed Certifying Authority for Small Commercial Vessels. If a British boat is to be used commercially at sea, it is a requirement that it is Small Commercial Vessel (SCV) certified by an MCA Certification Authority. Commercial use broadly means engaged in activities on a commercial basis, even if not for payment, carrying cargo or passengers. Pleasure vessels and club owned boats are excluded from the scope of the Code.

BCTQ is a Certifying Authority in the following codes of practice:

The safety of Small Commercial Vessels (the "Blue Code")

The Safety of Small Commercial Vessels (the "Yellow Code")

The Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point (NDP) (the "Red Code")

The Safety of Small Workboats & Pilot Boats (the "Brown Code")



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