

Examination rules and regulations for BM3 for annex 6 vessels

Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate – Caribbean Netherlands

Application:

These examination rules and regulations are only applicable for the BM3 examination for annex 6 vessels on the islands Saba and St Eustatius.

This “examination rules and regulations” document has been reviewed by the STCW training department of the Netherlands Maritime Authority, Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate taking into account the Boatmaster grade 3 requirements of the SCV Code 2021.

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Boatmaster grade 3 requirements, derived from the SCVCode 2021

A Boatmaster examination for Grade 3 consists of two parts. The first of which is an oral or written examination in which applicants will be tested on their knowledge of safety, navigation, collision regulations and seamanship subjects and also how they respond to certain emergency situations.

The second part consists of a practical test carried out on the size of vessel for which the applicant needs a licence. This test requires applicants to demonstrate their ability to handle the vessel in various circumstances.

Boat handling:

- Berthing and un-berthing
- Coming to and weighing anchor
- Making fast to and leaving a buoy
- Boat manoeuvring in confined waters
- Turning short round
- Knowledge and effect of transverse thrust
- Steering a compass course and taking a rough bearing
- Practical demonstration on the use of VHF on board the applicant's vessel.
- The holder must have knowledge of procedures used in radio telephone (VHF) communications particularly with respect to distress, urgency, safety and navigational messages and of the adverse effect of misuse of such equipment

The oral or written examination

This examination is in principle in writing and consists of a multiple-choice test. In case of illiteracy there is an option to do the exam orally.

Duration

The written exam has a duration of 60 minutes

The oral examination has no time limit it is depending on the time needed by the examiner to read the multiple-choice test aloud.

The objectives of the exam are in line with study book and are:

- Emergency situations
- Regulations for preventing collision at sea
- Local knowledge and regulation
- Seamanship
- Distress signals
- Passenger safety
- Legal responsibilities towards passengers and seafarers
- Weather
- Engineering knowledge
- Prevention of pollution
- Basic knowledge of vessel construction and stability

Result outcome

Oral or written examination:

The maximum number of points to be achieved is 70 points.

A score of 70%, 49 points or more is a pass.

If the result is below 49 points the practical boat handling test will be postponed.

The minimum overall requirements to pass the exam is the above mentioned 49 points plus a positive assessment of the practical boat test

The exam results will be issued and handed over in writing by means of "Exam result paper"; see annex 1

Examiners

The practical test and oral and written examination are conducted and examined by two persons: the harbourmaster and or his representative and an NSI-CN officer.

Condition for the admission to the exam

To be allowed to participate in an exam the following conditions shall be met:

Email or oral request to the local NSI-CN office at St Eustatius by the applicant at least two weeks before the requested exam

The "medical fitness statement" from your BIG registered physician

A certificate of a successful completed medical first aid course at the Red Cross, World Recreational Scuba Training Council (WRSTC) or equivalent

A VHF certificate from a recognized training institute; e.g. RDI Caribbean Netherlands

A written statement, per boat handling (see list page 2), from the boat owner that the applicant has successfully completed a practical instruction on the vessel for which the applicant needs a licence

Written proof that the whole study book has been read, understood and studied

An official ID with picture, sedula, passport or driving license, for the identification process to be shown before the start of the exam

Condition for the admission to the re-sit exam

To be allowed to participate in a re-sit oral or written exam the following conditions shall be met:

Written proof that the whole study book has been read, understood, and studied again with a reflection on the reason why the first exam led to a non-pass

The time between the two exams shall be at least two weeks

The applicant can participate in maximum 3 oral/ written exams and practical boat test in one calendar year

Exam results for BM3 for annex 6 vessels**Participant particulars:**

Name	
Initials	
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Identification by *	Passport
	Sedula
	Driving license

* Encircle the used identification document

Exam result	
Date	
Oral or written examination	Points
Pass*	Non Pass*
Practical boat test	
Date	
Pass*	Non Pass*

* Encircle the applicable "pass" or "non pass"

Examiner 1

Name:

Signature:

Examiner 2

Name:

Signature:

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