



# NEW ZEALAND SUPERYACHT ACADEMY

## STEWARDESS/DECKHAND

Internationally recognised superyacht certification

Supporting New Zealand superyacht crew

Stand out. Level up. Get hired.

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# STEWARDESS AND DECKHAND

Picture this: You wake up in the Bahamas, grab a coffee as the sun rises over the water, and start your day setting a breakfast table in the interior — fresh linens, polished cutlery, flowers you styled the night before. By midday, you're out on deck helping launch tenders, throwing lines, and prepping for guest watersports. Come sunset, you're pouring champagne for the boss and resetting cabins for evening turndown. **This isn't a fantasy. It's the job.**

Working on superyachts can take you all over the world. From the Med to the Maldives, the Caribbean to the Pacific — you'll travel, earn great money, live onboard, and gain the kind of freedom most people never get. But it's not all sunsets and table settings. It's hard work, high standards, long hours, and serious pressure. That's where we come in.

Our **Stewardess & Deckhand Course** is built to prepare you for both sides of the job — the pace, the polish, the mindset, and the mahi. You'll be trained by real crew who've done the work and know what captains and senior crew are looking for.

You won't just tick boxes. You'll get hands-on — both inside and outside — learning real skills the way you'll use them on board. We'll get you job-ready, confident, and capable of backing yourself in whichever department calls you first.

# WHY SUPERYACHTS?

You're on the water, working on boats worth tens of millions, travelling the world, with your friends and getting paid to do it.

**It's not just a job — it's a lifestyle.**

Starting as a Stewardess/Deckhand you could be earning €2,500–€4,000 a month, living onboard with no rent, no food bills, and next to no expenses. Keep showing up and doing the mahi, and you can move up fast – with solid tips and charter bonuses on top.

You'll work hard. But you'll also wake up in the Med, the Caribbean, or island-hopping through the Pacific with your crew. Boats. Money. Travel. Mates. That's what most of our students come for — and it delivers.





# KIWI CREW

We don't just train crew — we back them. Every course includes a 'Managing Your Superyacht Salary' session on day one, because it's not all designer bags and sunset selfies. The industry pays well, but knowing how to make the most of that opportunity is everything. We focus on career mapping too — showing students what's possible, what they can earn, and how to build a future from it. And when they come home, we've built a space they can return to, give back, and help lift the next generation coming through.

# STEWARDESS & DECKHAND COURSE

Here's how it all breaks down. This course gives you the full picture — both interior and exterior — so you're ready to step into whichever role comes first. You'll learn what it's really like to live and work on board, and develop the skills, mindset, and confidence that superyacht captains and crew are looking for.

From table service and housekeeping to knot work and powerboat handling, every session is hands-on, fast-paced, and built to reflect the real expectations of the industry. You'll switch between departments, stay sharp, and walk away job-ready — with twice the value and the kind of versatility that gets you hired.



# DAY 1 – 3

## **Day 1 – Introduction to the Superyacht Industry**

Your new career starts here. We'll kick off with a real-world intro to superyacht life – the roles, the departments, the expectations, and what chief stews are actually looking for in new crew. You'll meet your crew (aka classmates), get your workbook, and learn how to manage your superyacht salary – because you're about to start earning serious money. It's the full superyacht 101 that sets the tone for everything ahead.

## **Day 2 – Barista Training & Formal Dining Theory**

Start your day learning how to craft the perfect flat white – complete with latte art and milk texturing like a pro. Then we dive into five-star formal dining theory: table settings, service order, guest etiquette, and what makes luxury service truly seamless. This is where your eye for detail begins to shine.

## **Day 3 – Formal Dining Practical, Fine Wine Appreciation & Service**

Today's all about bringing the luxury to life. You'll kick things off with formal dining service practicals, including silver service and synchronised service – techniques used on the most elite yachts in the world. Then it's onto wine, cheese, and caviar appreciation, led by a professional sommelier. You'll explore major wine regions, taste what you'll actually serve on board, and practise how to pour, present, and serve wine with confidence. The goal? To make you feel comfortable around fine wines – and confident serving them to guests.

# DAY 4 – 5

## **Day 4 – Housekeeping, Mixology & Guest Judges**

Back to basics — but make it luxury. Today we cover high-end housekeeping, including hospital corners, cabin presentation, turndown touches, and wardrobe management. Then it's on to mixology, where you'll learn to shake, stir, and serve cocktails with style. You'll be assessed live by industry guests, so expect high standards — just like on board.

## **Day 5 – Onboard florals, Final Exam & Graduation**

You'll spend the morning creating guest-ready floral arrangements, learning what works on board and how to keep blooms fresh at sea.

Then it's time to review the week, ask final questions, and sit your written exam. You'll need a minimum of 70% to pass — and yes, we coach you all week in a way that's designed to stick.

## **Weekend Break**

After an intensive week mastering the interior — you'll enjoy a well-earned weekend break. Stay local and explore vibrant Auckland city and its beautiful surroundings, or head home for a reset. It's the perfect chance to switch out your skort for boardies and a rashie as we gear up for deck training the following week.

# DAY 6 – 8

## **Day 6 & 7 – Powerboat in the Hauraki Gulf**

This is what you signed up for. You'll be out on Buccaneer 635 HT powerboats with 175hp Yamaha four-strokes – big-beamed, grunty, and built to move. You'll train like you're on charter: launching, docking, navigating, and handling boats under pressure. The Hauraki Gulf delivers the perfect mix of thrill, learning, and views that make your mates jealous.

To help you hit the water with confidence, we'll send you the RIB Master/Powerboat online theory component before the course begins. That way, you'll be up to speed and ready to make the most of the practical training on Day 6 and 7.

## **Day 8 – ½ Day Session of VHF Radio Practical**

This session ensures you understand how to operate onboard and handheld radios, EPIRBs, SARTs, AIS, and DSC-enabled devices – and, most importantly, how to communicate clearly and confidently in emergencies.

You'll get access to online study content ahead of time, which needs to be completed before the hands-on session. Then we'll bring it all to life using real VHF training units, finishing up with a combined theory and practical assessment.

# WHAT YOU'LL WALK AWAY WITH

You'll finish the course with three internationally recognised IYT qualifications:

- IYT Professional Superyacht Hospitality
- IYT Powerboat & RIB Master
- IYT VHF Marine Communications

With hands-on training across both departments, you'll finish this course ready to step into any junior role and be a genuine asset to any professional superyacht crew — inside or out.





# EARNED, NOT GIVEN

We're watching. Not to trip you up — but to see how you show up. We're looking at your attitude, your work ethic, how you work with others, and how you respond when things get tough. Because that's what matters on board.

If you meet the standard, we'll back you. If you don't, we won't. That's how this industry works — and we do too. We're here to help create competent, confident Kiwi superyacht crew. If that's you, you're in the right place.

# NZ SUPERYACHT ACADEMY



At the New Zealand Superyacht Academy, we do things differently. We don't just teach courses — we train future crew to be confident, competent, and ready to thrive in the global superyacht industry. Everything we do is hands-on, high standard, and designed to reflect what life on board is really like.

You'll be taught by experienced professionals who've worked on some of the world's most iconic yachts. Our training goes beyond certificates — we focus on mindset, presentation, attitude, and the practical skills that actually get you hired.

We're also proudly Kiwi, with a strong reputation for producing smart, grounded, hard-working crew. Our growing community of students is already out there — working in the Med, the Caribbean, the Pacific and beyond — and many of them started right here. If you're ready to launch your career, this is where you do it.

# START YOUR SUPERYACHT CAREER

Whether you're 100% in or just have a few questions — we'd love to hear from you!

Visit [www.nzsuperyachtservices.com](http://www.nzsuperyachtservices.com) to:

- Book your spot on the course
- Schedule a free 15-minute Superyacht Phone Consultation

## **Got a question?**

Email us at [academy@nzsuperyachtservices.com](mailto:academy@nzsuperyachtservices.com) – Or, just flick us a DM — we're here to help!  
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Starting a career in the superyacht industry doesn't have to feel overwhelming. Reach out, say hi, and let's get started. Working on superyachts is awesome!