

Joining Instructions – September 2025

HNC Operational Yacht Science – Year 1

Dear Student, welcome to the HNC Operational Yacht Science programme here at Falmouth Marine School/UK Sailing Academy.

We will hold a series of inductions during your first week and lots of activities to introduce you to other new students and to the Cornwall College. To be sure you don't miss anything, it's really important that you try to attend from the beginning and throughout this induction week.

Where and When:

Your start date will be: Monday 8th September 2025

Please arrive at (time): 0900 hours

Where: UKSA, Arctic Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7PQ (Room TBC)

Start times/room venues can change up to the day of induction and will be confirmed on your UKSA schedule

Writing equipment, laptop, GCSE English + Maths AS + A Level Certificates and/or National Diploma or equivalent and your ID

Online Enrolment

We will be in touch via email, over the summer, asking you to complete your **online enrolment** – please remember to check your spam, just in case it gets diverted! Please Note - the release of your Student Finance loan payments are dependent upon completion of the Enrolment process, so the sooner you enrol, the quicker we can instruct the Student Loan Company to release your loan payments (if applicable).

Please Note: Our Online Enrolment platform does not support Safari, so we recommend you use Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome to complete your Online Enrolment. If you have any difficulties, please check that you enter your surname correctly and date of birth as: DD/MM/YYYY - ensure this is your birth year and not the current year! If you have any other problems please email enquiries@cornwall.ac.uk.

Introduction

Welcome to the part of your programme that runs in Partnership with the UK Sailing Academy/ Falmouth Marine School (part of the Cornwall College Group) and Plymouth University. This information is to be used as an introduction to the programme. It is supported by the Programme Specification that provides further information about the course. This is available via the [Cornwall College website](https://www.cornwall.ac.uk).

What are the benefits of gaining this qualification?

The HNC/FdSc in Operational Yacht Science sets your Professional Cadetship Programme apart as it offers you the opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications that can be used later in your career, all whilst you are studying your Superyacht RYA and MCA qualifications. This means that you don't miss out on formal education whilst you work in the industry that you are passionate about. This qualification will also give you further career options should you decide to leave the superyacht industry.

Can I decide to complete a full degree after the FdSc?

Yes - you can decide to just do the HNC (1 year), or upon successful completion, join the second year online with MLA College, BSc (Hons) Sustainable Maritime Operations. There are other options available, depending on your areas of interest, to allow you to complete a second year in other related subjects and will be subject to the entry requirements for that course.

How does this programme work alongside my Cadetship programme?

The unique relationship with the UK Sailing Academy means that we embed much of the programme within your learning time in Cowes, bringing our expert lecturers to teach you when we need to add more input to the university learning sections of your programme.

We meet you at the start of your Phase 1 and Phase 3 to explain/remind you how the programme works, introducing you to our Virtual Learning Platform (Moodle), College and Plymouth University systems that you can access anywhere in the world. We also explain what is expected in terms of work load, timings, keeping in contact and charges that you will pay.

What will I study?

In Phase 1 of your HNC studies you will study the following modules:

Module Title	No. of Credits
Personal and Professional Development (CORF1280)	20
Yacht Theory and Practice (CORF1014)	20
Yacht Operations (CORF1022)	20
Marine Engineering (CORF1016)	20
Navigation and Meteorology (CORF1018)	20
Reflective Practice (CORF1017)	20

In Phase 3 the FdSc qualifications you will study the following modules:

Module Title	No. of Credits
Small Ships Business (CORF2013)	20
Leadership and Management at Sea (CORF2017)	20
Ocean Passage Planning and Weather Systems (CORF2014)	30
Yacht Purpose & Design (CORF2015)	20
Research Project (CORF2016)	30

Further detail about the content of these modules can be found in the Student Handbook – please contact Brender Willmott, Programme Administrator if you would like this information brender.willmott@cornwall.ac.uk

Who are my main points of Contact for the course?

Even though we work very closely with staff at the UKSA, much of the detail of this programme is owned and run by our staff team at Falmouth Marine School, Cornwall College. Brender Willmott is your Programme Manager, and has overall responsibility for the running of the course and teaches on some of the modules.

brender.willmott@cornwall.ac.uk

For each module you will have a Module Leader (who will give you their contact details when you start their module) and who are the experts in that area of knowledge.

How much does it cost and when do I need to pay?

We realise that you are already investing a significant amount into your development on the Professional Cadetship, so we make our price for the HNC highly competitive, currently set at half of our normal market price.

Please remember the cost of the HNC/FdSc is in addition to the cost of your Superyacht course.

Tuition Fees – 2025 UKSA Cadetship start

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First payment due October 2025

Can I get a Student Loan to pay the course fees and a Student Card?

Yes you can. In fact you will need to get the loan organised as soon as possible to be able to pay your fees by the start of your course. Students entering full time higher education in the 2025/26 academic year, can apply for financial support via Student Finance England. Please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview> to check eligibility, apply online or request an application form. You will need to following information for your application –

University/College	Cornwall College
Course Title	HNC Operational Yacht Science (H3K1)
Campus name	Falmouth
Tuition Fee	£4,433

There may be some additional costs whilst on your programme for educational visits and materials i.e. clothing, memory sticks. Trips are rarely mandatory but do enrich your learning.

Payment of Fees, If Self-Funding

Our Finance Team are based on the 6th Floor, Tamar Tower on the Camborne Campus. Their contact details are: T: 01209 617775 (Finance Office) or email: sales.ledger@cornwall.ac.uk. As you complete the end of each year of study, all outstanding fees must be paid otherwise you will not receive your end of year transcript/s or receive authorisation to continue studies (if applicable).

If you have previously studied with Cornwall College Group (all sites) and have outstanding debts you must arrange to pay these, in full, by 1st September 2025. Your enrolment will not be processed, nor will you be able to attend until your account is clear.

Transferring Into Cornwall College

If you enrol on a HE programme at another institution in the 2025/26 academic year, then transfer to the Cornwall College Group before 25th October 2025, you will be a 'Late Transfer'. The original institution may retain 25% of the tuition fees if funded by the Student Loan Company. If the Cornwall College Group is unable to recoup this 25%, you will only be liable to pay the Cornwall College Group the remaining 75%. If you are claiming for Accredited Prior Learning, your tuition fee may be adjusted to reflect the number of modules you will actually be studying.

Late Starters

Learners classified as late starters are those who start after the official HE term start date and **have not** transferred from another institution will be charged the full annual fee (unless eligible for Accreditation of Prior Learning).

Withdrawing/Suspending Studies during the Academic Year 2025/26

If, during the first weeks of your learning experience you decide your chosen programme is not for you, please let us know as early as you can. If you withdraw from your studies and begin a new programme on/after 1st September 2025 you will be deemed a new student and will adopt the new tuition fee for the academic year your studies commence.

The Cornwall College Group will operate the following fee policy for undergraduate or postgraduate taught students who withdraw or suspend their studies:

Withdrawal / Suspension	Fees Payable
New learners who enrol onto the first year of their programme, who withdraw or suspend studies between 15th September 2025 and 30th September 2025 .	No Charge
Learners who are resuming studies with extenuating circumstances, who withdraw or suspend studies between 15th September 2025 and 30th September 2025	No Charge
New Learners who are enrolling onto the first year of their programme, who withdraw or suspend studies between 1st October 2025 and 18th December 2025	25% of annual tuition fee is payable
All Learners continuing, repeating or resuming studies, who withdraw or suspend studies between 15th September 2025 and 18th December 2025	25% of annual tuition fee is payable
All Learners who withdraw/suspend between 6th January 2026 and 2nd April 2026	50% of annual tuition fee is payable
All Learners who withdraw/suspend between 20th April 2026 to the end of the 2025/26 academic year	100% of annual tuition fee is payable

Learners who suspend studies due to valid and extenuating circumstances will be liable for the suspension fees above but the fee they pay when they resume studies will take the charges into consideration.

Finally, attendance has been shown to link very strongly with the success of students. Your attendance will be monitored throughout the programme and will be expected to be over 85%. Should you fail to meet a 90% benchmark during the first three weeks you will be asked to discuss your attendance with your personal tutor. If this meeting is unsatisfactory you may be asked to leave the College.

Policies and Procedures

For further information about The Cornwall College Group policies and procedures including our Terms and Conditions, please visit: <https://www.cornwall.ac.uk/college-governance/>

We wish you a very pleasant summer, and look forward to meeting you in September!!

The Cornwall College Group

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