

Joining Instructions – September 2025

FdSc Operational Yacht Science – Year 2

Dear Student, Welcome back to your programme of study here at Falmouth Marine School at the Cornwall College University Centre

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you have recently studied the HNC Operational Yacht Science programme and you have referral work to complete over the summer to be handed in, please be aware that the following is subject to successful completion of that work, for which grades will be presented at the referral award board in September.

Where and When:

Start Date: November 2025 (Dates TBC)

Enrolment: Online

You will need Writing materials and laptop

Please see below information regarding enrolment for the 2nd year of your course.

This year the programme will be delivered via a blended delivery method with some of the modules being taught via Teams with additional online support from tutors as required. The dates proposed for this will be in November 2025 and we will confirm final dates nearer to the time. You will need to ensure you good access to the internet to ensure the best learning opportunity possible. There will also be an expectation of guided independent study and completion of assessment task and/or revision in your own time. Full details of your timetable will be confirmed closer to the date with suggested reading and research in preparation for the course.

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.

Timetables/Handbooks and other essential information will be given to you during induction week. If you haven't already done so, I would like to remind you to apply for assistance with your tuition fees (if applicable) and any loans/grants that you may be entitled to www.gov.uk/studentfinance. Council Tax Exemption certificates will be available from mid-September.

What is this programme?

Welcome back to the part of your programme that runs in Partnership with the UKSA/Falmouth Marine School (part of the Cornwall College Group) and Plymouth University. This information is to be used as a reminder of how your programme works. It is supported by a Programme Specification that provides further information about the course. This is available via the Cornwall College website. Alternatively, you can contact the Programme Manager (brender.willmott@cornwall.ac.uk) who can send a copy via email.

What are the benefits of gaining this qualification?

The 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, and also enables you to sit a final year of a Bachelors Degree, all whilst you are studying your Superyacht RYA and MCA qualifications and working. 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, there are options available, depending on your areas of interest, to allow you to complete a 3rd year in other related subjects and will be subject to the entry requirements for that course. There is also the option of completing the BSc Hons Sustainable Maritime Operations online with MLA College.

<https://www.mla.ac.uk/programmes/degrees/bsc-hons-sustainable-maritime-operations>

Please be aware that the second year of the FdSc may not run if there are not sufficient student numbers. If students take more than a year gap to progress to the FdSc, then that academic year fees will be applicable.

How does this programme work alongside my Cadetship programme?

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

When we meet with you again at the start of your Phase 3, we will remind you how it works, re-introduce you to our Virtual Learning Platform (Moodle) and Teams page, College Systems and Plymouth Portal that you can access anywhere in the world. We also explain what is expected in terms of work load, timings, and keeping in contact.

What will I study?

In Phase 3 of 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 if you would like this information

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/FdSc 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:

Year 2 - FdSc Operational Yacht Science - £4,300.

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 ideally for when you start your course. Students entering full time higher education in the 2025/26 academic year, can apply for financial support via Student Finance England. Students can go to <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview> to check eligibility, apply online or request an application form. You will need the following course information for your application:

University or College	Cornwall College
Course Title	Operational Yacht Science – Year 2
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

If you are paying your own fees, you will be expected to make an initial payment of 25% of your annual tuition fee on or before the start of the academic year, you will then need to arrange a payment scheme in order to pay the balance in full by the end of the academic year. If we do not receive any payments from you by the end of the first academic term (December) your network access will be suspended and you may be asked to leave your programme of study.

Please go to your campus site administration office where you can make your first payment and arrange to pay the remaining annual tuition fee balance. If this facility is not available on your site or you wish to make a payment before your programme of study commences please call 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 The Cornwall College Group (all sites) and currently have any outstanding debts you must arrange to pay these in full by 1st September 2024. Your enrolment will not be processed, nor will you be allowed to attend until your account is cleared.

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 students who start after the official HE term start date and **have not** transferred from another institution will be charged the full annual tuition fee (unless eligible for Accreditation of Prior/Experiential Learning).

Withdrawing/Suspending Studies during the Academic Year 2025/26

If, during the first few 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!!

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