

# KLAKSVÍK'S QUAYSIDE TRAINING CENTER

With new purpose-built premises and a streamlined organization, maritime academy Sjó nám offers a wide range of training programs and courses for international seafarers—expecting a growing number of foreign students.

## Sjó nám

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Sjó nám is a maritime academy and provider of STCW compliant training programs and courses. The academy is part of Klaksvík's Technical Collage, a registered educational institution under the Faroe Islands Ministry of Culture (Mentamálaráðið).

With its origins going back to Klaksvík Seamen's School (Klaksvíkar Sjómannsskúli), established in 1947, Sjó nám's current structure has been in place since 2012, with the merger of Klaksvík Seamen's School and the Center for Safety at Sea (Trygdarmiðstöðin).

Sjó nám's Skipper training program is compliant with STCW II/1 Officer of the Watch standards. Watchkeeper's training program compliant with the STCW II-4 Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch standard.

Basic Offshore Safety Induction Emergency Training (BOSIET), Helicopter Underwater Escape Training (HUET). Basic Safety Training STCW VI/1. Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats STCW VI/2. Proficiency in Survival Craft Other Than Fast Rescue Boats STCW VI/2. Medical Care on Board Ships STCW VI/4.

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THE INTERNATIONAL aspect is vitally important to Faroese seafarers, who have for decades been prominent among the crews and bridge teams of vessels under a variety of flags operating around the world. Based in the northern Faroese port of Klaksvík, maritime academy Sjó nám has been highly successful attracting students for its courses from all parts of the Faroe Islands and beyond. According to the academy's manager, Ragnar Ludvig, who took over his post in August 2014, a growing number of aspiring and professional seafarers are expected to undergo training at Sjó nám.

Among the wealth of courses offered by Sjó nám for seafarers based in the Faroe Islands or elsewhere are a skipper training program complying with STCW II/1 Officer of the Watch standards and watchkeeper's training in accordance with the STCW II-4 Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch standard.

"Feedback from our students as they graduate is overwhelmingly positive and many of them go on to work overseas on international merchant vessels," Mr. Ludvig said, adding that today Sjó nám is a registered educational institution under the Faroe Islands Ministry of Culture, and its current structure has been in place since 2012 as a provider of STCW compliant training and courses.



The STCW-compliant training is vital for anyone wanting to work overseas as the IMO convention standards are in place worldwide and are a key requirement for crews on merchant vessels in particular as well as many fishing vessels. In addition to the STCW standard, Sjó nám was previously a subcontractor running courses on behalf of Maersk Training, but equivalent courses are now offered independently.

Mr. Ludvig said: "As subcontractors for Maersk Training from January 2011 through March 2015, we comply with the quality system used in the offshore industry for BOSIET (Basic Offshore Safety Induction Emergency Training) and HUET (Helicopter Underwater Escape Training) in accordance with specifications from Denmark's Energy Directorate (Energistyrelsen). However, we are looking to gain full OPITO accreditation for those training courses as well as for Further Offshore Emergency Training (FOET) in the fall of 2016. International shipowners and offshore operators are very welcome to bring their crews here to take courses in the Faroe Islands."

Courses currently available from Sjó nám include the Basic Offshore Safety Training course to Danish, Norwegian, UK and Dutch standards that includes Helicopter Underwater Escape Training (HUET), as well as STCW VI/1 Basic Safety Training, STCW VI/2 Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats, STCW VI/2 Proficiency in Survival Craft Other Than Fast Rescue Boats and STCW VI/4 Medical Care on Board Ships, which includes Medical First Aid.

Sjó nám also represents the Faroe Islands at the International Association for Safety and Survival Training (IASST).

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## 'MORE THAN EVER BEFORE'

Originally established in 1947 as a college of navigation to train ship's officers for the fishing and commercial fleets, Sjó nám has deep roots in the Faroese maritime training environment. Over the years the academy has gone through a number of incarnations as its role has evolved to take in wider aspects of maritime training for other seagoing roles, having most recently added courses in safety, rescue and communications at sea.

Sjó nám is the result of a merger of the former Klaksvík Seamen's School (Klaksvíkar Sjómannsskúli)—a local navigation academy opened in 1947—and safety training organization Trygdarmiðstöðin, also based in Klaksvík. Training activities widened in 1960 to include radio telephony, and for many years the school also trained ship's cooks, with a unique course that was taught regularly from 1972 until brought to an end in 2011 and replaced

by a more general one-year course of study in catering.

After operating initially as a private institution founded by Fisher Heinesen, and remaining that way until it became publicly-run in 1975, the maritime academy was located in the basement of Heinesen's house before it moved to its own premises in 1971 and finally, in 2012, to its new purpose-built set of premises.

Basic training for fishing crews had started in 1991 with a five-month practical and theory course supported with time at sea for candidates to gain experience. Safety training began the same year at Klaksvíkar Sjómannsskúli, however this role was transferred to Trygdarmiðstöðin when that was established as an independent safety training provider. In 2012 the activities of both Trygdarmiðstöðin and Klaksvíkar Sjómannsskúli were combined under the name of Sjó nám as a single entity, with quayside premises on Klaksvík's Vestara Bryggja.

"We continue our efforts to maintain the highest standards of competency for seafarers, and to provide support for them to pursue their professional development in international careers," Mr. Ludvig said. "Today we are in a position to welcome more trainees and course participants than ever before."

Manager Ragnar Ludvig (main);  
Navigation training (below);  
Basic Safety training (opposite).

