Coxswain III

Certificate of Proficiency (COP) — Coxswain

Duration	6 weeks (180 hours)
Fee	Ksh 50,000
Certificate	Certificate of Proficiency (COP) Coxswain
Entry	Open entry
Next intake	Enrolling now. Call admissions to confirm the next start date.

Course overview

The key objective is to equip trainees with the knowledge, understanding and proficiency to work as a Coxswain and command a commercial maritime vessel up to 24m in length with unlimited propulsion power for outboard or up to 500kw of an inboard vessel carrying passengers and cargo.

Training runs over six weeks at our Korando Peninsular campus and the Ngege Beach training grounds, with classroom theory followed by practical boat handling, navigation and safety drills on the lake itself. Instructors are experienced Lake Victoria mariners.

Graduates are qualified to take charge of passenger boats, cargo boats, fishing vessels and tour craft, which puts them at the centre of the lake's transport, fishing and tourism economy.

Syllabus outline

1. Basic navigation skills	Chartwork basics, position fixing, tides and currents on inland waters, passage planning for lake routes.
2. Small vessels regulations	Kenyan small-vessel rules, licensing, safe manning, loading limits and the Collision Regulations (COLREGs).
3. Short-range communications	VHF radio procedure, distress, urgency and safety calls, and Standard Marine Communication Phrases.
4. Compasses	Magnetic compass principles, deviation and variation, taking and using bearings.
5. Steering and vessel handling	Manoeuvring, berthing and unberthing, anchoring, man-overboard recovery and handling in wind and waves.
6. Basic engineering	Outboard and inboard engine care, fuel systems, fault finding and pre-departure checks.

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- Open entry: no previous certificate required
- Medical fitness (medical certificate from a recognised practitioner)
- Basic literacy: able to read and write in English or Kiswahili
- National ID or birth certificate

Experience on and around boats is an added advantage, though it is not a requirement. Experienced coxswains without a certificate may qualify through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

Assessment and certification

- Candidates must pass an examination administered by the centre in conjunction with the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA).
- The final assessment is conducted by KMA-approved examiners before certification.
- Successful candidates receive a Certificate of Proficiency (COP) as Coxswain.

Career outcomes

- Lake passenger and cargo transport
- Commercial fishing vessels
- Tourism and cruise boats
- Water taxis and ferries
- Rescue and patrol boat crews

How to apply

Apply online at **kimarce.com/admissions**, call **+254 790 141470** or **+254 733 920250**, email **info.kimarce@gmail.com**, or visit us at Korando Peninsular, off New Airport–Busia Road, Kisumu, Kenya. KIMARCE is approved by the Kenya Maritime Authority and registered by TVETA (TVETA/PRIVATE/TVC/0123/2016).