

Shore Based Training Courses

A training course in association with the International Fire Training centre (IFTC) at Teesside in the UK. The Heli Riviera IFTC course is focused upon a detailed introduction to helideck operations and aviation firefighting with a specific focus upon luxury yacht air operations.

The 3 day course covers a general introduction to helicopter operations onboard your yacht, personnel, helicopter and vessel awareness and provides an compressive insight into normal and emergency operations onboard.

Helideck Onboard Training

HeliRiviera offers a 3 phase proposal to fully prepare your helideck team for safe operations.

Phase 1 - Helideck Procedures

HeliRiviera will write a dedicated Helideck Procedures Manual for your yacht. The manual will provide details specific to your particular helideck arrangement.

The **Helideck Procedures Manual** that we produce is designed to be functional and easy to use, including simple checklists for the Bridge and helideck teams during routine flying operations. We also appreciate that some yachts need to incorporated all the procedures that are used into the yacht's Safety Management System, and as such we can deliver the manual content in a format that can be manipulated as required.

Included within the Helideck Procedures Manual is a **Helideck Briefing Guide** for pilots, containing the important information that pilots should be provided with prior to operating from the helideck. We also include a short section describing the flight profile and procedures that they are to follow when joining or departing your yacht, preventing any surprises for the helideck team.

Phase 2 - Helideck Team Training

- Onboard Training

For yachts that do not require to meet the commercial standards, but still wish to provide a high standard of safety for both the crew and passengers, HeliRiviera can offer a training option that is based on the latest syllabus.

The training comprises of our team joining the yacht and using the facilities onboard that will actually be used by the helideck team during the performance of their duties. The only pre-requisite we insist on is that all the candidates have completed STCW 95 Basic Training, and we assume the team have little or no prior experience of helicopters. The entire course

can be delivered in 2-3 days, depending on the number of helideck teams that require training.

Unfortunately we cannot complete live fire training onboard the yacht, and so in order to complete the fire-fighting module of the course the candidates can attend our shore based training course located in the UK.

The yacht based exercises include live flying exercises following a structured learning gradient for the helideck team, and culminating in a helicopter crash on deck exercise involving every member of the yacht's crew. The result is a knowledgeable, confident helideck team, capable of supporting smooth and efficient helicopter operations and dealing with the emergency situations that can occur in the blink of an eye.

Overall, this training option represents the single most cost effective and proactive method of risk management for a large yacht helideck.

Phase 3 - Air Trial

The air trial phase can be simply incorporated into the helideck team training phase during the onboard elements, minimising the impact of time requirements to achieve this crucial task. It should be achieved using the embark helicopter and pilot(s) if available, although it may be possible to use chartered aircraft if necessary.

HeliRiviera E-Training

Our latest training innovation is e-training offering an on-line familiarisation of the Heli Yacht environment allowing new crew joining to be educated and established crew to be reminded of the processes and procedures. The overall focus being maintaining safety.

The Heli Riviera web based programs offer an initial aviation and helicopter awareness whilst also being seen as a valuable recurrency training tool for existing vessels and crew.

All of the courses are designed around the HLO (Heli Deck Landing Officer) and HDA (Heli Deck Assistant) needs.