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# 2024 Yacht Safety Campaign - special e-Learning offer



## Background

Norwegian Hull Club has witnessed a notable increase in yacht fires; industry groups estimate that there were a total of 16 losses resulting from fires between August 2021 and August 2022.

While some incidents, such as arson or collateral damage from unrelated fires, are explained and not linked to the measures proposed in this guidance, around half of the cases remain unexplained. Among the potential causes for these fires is the possibility of lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery fires. The increasing use of small, electrically powered watercraft - such as electric tenders, jet skis, e-foils, and other personal watercraft powered by Li-ion batteries - may be a contributing factor.

Moreover, there is a critical gap in crew training, as this has not been updated to address the associated risks and dangers related to the operation, storage and charging of electric watercraft and other vehicles that are now increasingly carried on board.

## Rationale for training

MCA's Marine Guidance Notice (MGN 681 (M)) from June 2023 states that crew should be trained in the safe operation, storage and charging of electric watercraft and other vehicles that are to be carried on board, including the identification of potential damage and the procedures for disposal or quarantining of any damaged equipment or batteries. Furthermore, in recognition of the fact that Li-ion battery fires are extremely difficult to extinguish, all crew should be trained in identifying the early signs of battery problems before they become a serious hazard to the yacht.

## Yacht training through e-Learning

To reduce the probability and the consequences of a fire in a lithium-ion battery on a yacht, Norwegian Hull Club is launching a safety campaign to increase awareness. The Club is offering to reimburse the fee for some of the crew members on Norwegian Hull Club claims-lead vessels to undertake a yacht-focused [Li-ion e-Learning training course](#) through the leading maritime and offshore competence provider [OComp](#).

## Course overview

This concise and focused e-Learning module is designed to empower yacht crew members with basic knowledge and skills for safeguarding against and handling Li-ion battery fires, contributing to a safer maritime environment.

- Course name - An introduction to how to prevent and handle a fire in a Li-ion battery on a yacht;
- Medium - e-Learning;

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- Duration - Approximately 1 hour (seven modules);
- Objective - Reduce the probability and the consequences of a fire in a lithium-ion battery on a yacht;
- Who - Minimum requirement crew to complete the e-Learning course is the Captain(s), Safety Officer and Chief Engineer;
- Fee - Underwriters agree to reimburse the price for the “minimum requirement crew” to complete the course;
- E-learning fee: EURO 195 per crew member;
- Norwegian Hull Club claims-lead discount: 25%.

### Syllabus

1. Experience from incidents on yachts
2. Li-ion batteries fire risk overview
3. Causes of fire
4. Prevention and mitigation
5. What to do in case of fire
6. Safety recommendations
7. Risk and vulnerability analysis

After completing the course, participants will receive a certificate with references to MCA’s Marine Guidance Notice (MGN 681 (M)).

## How to register

**Individually** - As per private registration in the following link - [OComp – E-learning Yachts](#)  
Here you can pay by Visa or Mastercard

**As a group/several participants** - Following the same link, [OComp – E-learning Yachts](#), click on “I want to book several seats and provide participants list separately to OilComp customer center.”

Select the number of users, then pay with Visa or Mastercard.

Don’t forget to use the discount code (for NHC claims lead vessels): **NHCYACHT2024**

**You can find the course on OComp’s website here:** [Basic Course: Crew introduction to lithium-ion safety on a yacht](#)

Questions or interested in partaking?  
Please contact your designated underwriter.



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