

The Yachtmaster qualification is revered worldwide so investing some time ahead of your exam is time well spent to give you the best chance of success in the exam itself.

This course will be run by Yachtmaster Instructor who over the four days will aim to cover each of the areas that will be addressed in the exam. The exam assesses your boat handling, your understanding of all aspects of boating and navigation and particularly your ability to take command of and manage the vessel and crew.

The subjects you are likely to cover include: Coming alongside and leaving a pontoon/berth, use of warps, anchoring, picking up a mooring buoy, IRPCS, charts and symbols, metrology; MOB; navigation including CTS, EPs & DR, position fixing, use of radar, passage planning & pilotage and night navigation. At all times the safety of the crew and vessel will be a key feature.

The fifth day will be your Yachtmaster Offshore Examination which we will book on your behalf.

**Duration:** 5 days (including 1-2 days for examination).  
**Prior experience required for exam:** 2,500 miles, 50 days including 5 as skipper, 5 passages over 60 miles including 2 overnight and 2 as skipper. VHF/SRC Certificate, First Aid.

Mileage/hour requirements are less for Yachtmaster Offshore (Sail) transferring to Power.

### Own Boat Tuition

Our hugely experienced and knowledgeable Instructors can spend time with you on your vessel to help you develop your confidence and capability in familiar surroundings. We can either run the RYA courses described on this leaflet on your craft or create a bespoke session to address your specific needs. Call/email to discuss your needs.

The International Certificate of Competence ('ICC') is required in many countries as evidence of your competence to helm a craft. It can be obtained either by successfully completing a relevant RYA course (Dayskipper or above) or via the 'Direct Assessment' of your capability by an RYA Approved ICC Test Centre (which we are). Those seeking to take the Direct Assessment route typically opt for a bespoke course of 1 – 3 days duration leading to the assessment. The Direct Assessment itself lasts for 1/2 a day which allows us a little time to brush up on areas with you if required.

As a guide the standard that you need to reach is that of Dayskipper. Do not hesitate to call to discuss the most relevant course for you to achieve ICC if this is the particular route that you wish to take.

**Eligibility:** This certificate is available only to British citizens and bona fide British residents over the age of 16. The ICC is acceptable for British citizens or residents using a British flagged vessel for leisure. Other countries may accept the ICC for their native flagged vessels at their discretion.



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# Motorboat Courses

- ICC (Preparation & Exam)
- Helmsman
- Dayskipper
- Coastal Skipper
- Yachtmaster Preparation
- Own Boat Tuition



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## Helmsman

This is an excellent two day introduction to Motor Cruising. The course assumes no knowledge and addresses the basics of slow and high speed boat handling (including leaving and coming alongside, anchoring, picking up a mooring buoy, high speed turns etc) and dealing with emergencies like man overboard and the safety kit that you should carry on board. Additionally, you will learn about tides, reading and using charts and electronic navigation.

*Duration: 2 days. Prior experience required: None*



## Theory Courses

We also undertake all of the theory courses including: VHF, Radar, First Aid, Sea Survival, Dayskipper and Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Theory and Diesel Engine. Courses focussing on Electronic Navigation and traditional navigation refreshers are popular too.

## Powerboat and PWC Courses

We started out as a dedicated powerboat school and run the full range of powerboat and PWC courses and also train Instructors for other schools. Additionally, we are an appointed ICC test centre, undertake CEVNI tests and are approved to undertake Commercial Advanced Powerboat Examinations. We are also one of the few schools with a craft dedicated for children's training – our 4m Searider 'Munch'

- Level 1 • Level 2/ICC • Intermediate • Advanced
- Safety Boat • PWC • Powerboat Instructor
- Advanced Powerboat Instructor • PWC Instructor
- Advanced Powerboat Examination

## Dayskipper

Over the four days of this course there is the time to really focus on both boat handling and all aspects of planning and executing passages. Time is spent looking at charts and tides, passage planning, pilotage and subjects such as Course to Steer. All aspects of using GPS and chartplotters are covered too and we also introduce the basics of radar. There is plenty of time to address in detail safety from the equipment carried to how to deal with a man overboard situation. We also go out at night and execute a night passage.

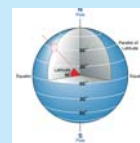
*Duration: 4 days (or 2 weekends). Prior experience required: None, but it is preferable to have some practical experience and to have completed the Dayskipper Theory course thus allowing concentration on more advanced techniques.*



## The RYA Powerboat Handbook



The Principal of the School is Paul Glatzel. Paul has been appointed by the RYA as a Powerboat Trainer, an Advanced Powerboat Examiner and a RYA Centre Inspector. He has also worked as part of the training team on the annual Powerboat Trainers course. In 2005 the RYA published the RYA Powerboat Handbook written by Paul.



## Coastal Skipper

The Coastal Skipper course is an advanced level course that culminates in an examination (optional). Successful candidates can then commercially endorse\* their qualification to operate up to 20 miles from a safe haven. Whilst the syllabus is broadly the same as for the Dayskipper course the subjects are covered in far more detail.

*Duration: 5 days. Prior experience required: 15 days with 2 as skipper. 300 miles with 8 night hours. Whilst not a prerequisite it is advisable to have completed the Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Theory course before attending.*

*Examination: Prior experience required: 30 days with 2 as skipper, 12 night hours and 800 miles (reduced to 20 days and 400 miles with Coastal Skipper Certificate)*

*\*Commercial endorsement additionally requires a medical, VHF Certificate and a sea survival qualification.*



## Charter

We operate a range of charter vessels from RIBs to large motor cruisers. These are available for commercial work such as surveying, security, photography, race support, training and corporate entertainment. Some of the vessels are available for bareboat charter.

