

## RYA Advanced Powerboat Course

The Advanced Powerboat Course is ideal for experienced amateur powerboaters or commercial users keen to develop their competence and . The aim of the course is to teach boat handling, seamanship, pilotage and navigation up to the standards required to drive a planning powerboat safely by day and night in tidal coastal waters with which the candidate is familiar.

Candidates should be very experienced powerboaters with knowledge of navigation and chartwork to the level of the Day Skipper Shorebased Certificate. It is strongly recommended that candidates hold a First Aid Certificate and a VHF Operators Licence. It is always worth chatting with us before booking your course to ensure that this course best suits your needs.

This is an intensive two day (plus one night) course which aims to build on the already capable skills of the experienced powerboater. The way schools approach the syllabus varies from school to school. Our approach has evolved really from the Instructors that teach the course and more particularly their experience.

Day 1: We cover chartwork in some depth and look in detail at various elements of navigation in the context of a fast powerboat. We look at the responsibilities of the skipper in respect of his boat & crew and we then extend this to passage planning, you plan a passage then execute it. We then have a break (the Instructors not you!!) whilst you revise your plan so that you can execute it in the dark - you then do so. We tend to finish the day at about 10 – 11pm.



Day 2: A recap of day one followed by a look at weather, rough water handling, helicopter recovery techniques and search techniques (an Advanced Powerboater is much more likely to find themselves out in conditions that merit the rescue of others than an inexperienced powerboater). During the day we execute one or two surprise exercises – just to keep you on your toes!!.

We tend to usually run with two boats which is better for the course but safer at night too. Whilst the RYA only require one Instructor per six students (one to three at night) we run with two Instructors throughout. We find this makes the course more valuable for everyone else 50% of your on water time is spent without an Instructor – which rather defeats the point in our view!

Our Instructors on this course are always hugely experienced and include one who has trained with the RNLI on their Atlantic Helmsman's course, another who hails from Dorset Police's Marine section where he was involved in innumerable rescues with boats and helicopters and 3-4 others who as a minimum have 15-20 years experience of advanced powerboating.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Advanced Powerboat Certificate that you receive upon successful conclusion of the course CANNOT be commercially endorsed. If you wish to work commercially you will need to take an Advanced Powerboat Examination. It is not a requirement to undertake this course before attending an exam but it does count towards the mileage/hour requirements. See our separate document on the examination.

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