

RYA Day Skipper Shorebased Course

Over the 5 days that this course lasts, course participants gain a thorough and in depth understanding of a variety of subject areas. The duration and classroom based nature of the course affords far more time to cover and understand the subject matter than is possible in a course that includes practical work too.

The course is equally valuable for those undertaking courses within the National Powerboat Scheme or the Motor Cruising Scheme. Those who have Powerboat Level 2 find the more detailed coverage of areas such as tides, navigation, charts etc gives them a chance to really build on what is, by necessity, only covered briefly at Level 2 whilst potential candidates for the Advanced Course find the course giving them the level of knowledge they need to acquire to address subject areas on the Advanced Course whilst others simply find that the course reinforces the skills they have acquired on other courses. Those undertaking the Dayskipper Practical Course benefit from undertaking the course as it reduces the time spent on these subjects increasing the time spent on practical handling.

The syllabus covers:

- Nautical terms
- Ropework
- Anchorwork
- Safety
- Collision Regulations
- Definition of position, course and speed
- Navigational charts and publications
- Navigational drawing instruments
- Compass
- Chartwork
- Tides and tidal streams
- Visual aids to navigation
- Meteorology
- Passage planning
- Navigation in restricted visibility
- Pilotage
- Marine environment

At the end of the course there is an exam which covers all of the above areas. Success in the exam leads to the award of your course certificate.



RYA Navigation Handbook, Tim Bartlett



RYA Weather Handbook, Chris Tibbs

These books are available from PTUK, Amazon or from the RYA direct via www.rya.org.uk.