

RYA Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Offshore Shorebased Course

This is a 5 day course aimed at experienced boaters moving towards either their practical Coastal Skipper or Yachtmaster Offshore examinations. It works equally well for Advanced powerboaters keen to develop their knowledge on to the next level.

Whilst at first sight the syllabus appears very similar to Day Skipper Shorebased the subjects are covered to a greater depth than at Dayskipper.

The syllabus covers:

- Position
- The magnetic compass
- Tides
- Tidal streams
- Buoyage
- Lights
- Pilotage
- GPS & Chartplotters
- Echo Sounders
- Logs (speed and distance measuring)
- Deck log
- Meteorology
- Rules of the road
- Safety at Sea
- Navigation in restricted visibility
- Passage planning
- 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.

We usually run the course Monday to Friday as most people seem to find this more convenient – other times can be arranged though.

If you are interested in background reading about the subjects covered on the course we recommend that you acquire the following books:



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.