

RYA Motor Cruising: Cruising Instructor (Power)

A Cruising Instructor is qualified to instruct the Motor Cruising Helmsman and Dayskipper courses. To attend this course you will need to be a Yachtmaster Offshore (Power) commercially endorsed.

We offer two courses depending on your existing Instructional experience:

- 3 day course: Aimed at Yachtmasters not currently teaching RYA practical courses.
- 1 day course: Aimed at existing RYA water based Instructors 'converting' to teaching the motor cruising courses

Entry requirements:

The RYA documentation states: 64 years maximum age limit*; Commercially endorsed YM Offshore Certificate of Competence (which in turn necessitates: Basic Sea Survival; VHF (Inc DSC); Medical Fitness Examination ((ML5 or ENG1) or medical issued by a National Maritime Authority); First Aid Certificate.

(* We understand that this can be discussed on a case by case basis with the RYA)

The RYA's own notes in respect of this qualification are attached verbatim as pages 3 & 4 of this document.

Three day course

Duration: Three days, 9.00am – 5.00pm plus one night exercise

Who runs the course?: The course will most probably be run by a mixture of the school's Principal – Paul Glatzel and Don Roper – our Chief Motorboat Instructor. Alternatively we may ask one of the school's Yachtmaster Examiners to run the course.

Course structure: This is an intensive three day course which is a mixture of continual assessment and instruction.

After introductions and a discussion of course outcomes we look at various aspects of instructional techniques. We are soon on the water giving you a chance to use the boats that we will be using and start practising instructing each other. Over the remainder of the course potential Cruising Instructors instruct sessions both on and off the water with regular debriefs with the course trainer where we ensure that you are getting the key teaching points across on each session.

A hugely valuable element of our courses is that we invite 'Guinea Pigs' in for two half day sessions so that you can practice with real students – this is hugely valuable and makes a real difference to the course. Depending on our schedule it may be that you are asked to teach 'real' students attending a course with us instead.

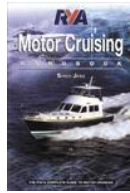
We would also recommend that you take us up on our offer of you attending a Helmsmans or Dayskipper course with us as an observer in the months/weeks running up to your course. This can be very beneficial as it gives you the chance to sit back and watch Instructors in action on each of the subjects you will train.

One day course

As you are already an Instructor we spend little time on instructional techniques but concentrate on ensuring that you are able to instruct the course and that your boat handling is up to scratch. We then spend time discussing the courses with you so that you are comfortable with the key teaching points and course structure for the courses that you will teach.

Reading material & books to buy

If you are considering your Instructors course we would be surprised if you were not devouring magazines & books. We certainly advise ensuring you have and have digested each of the books below – we can supply them if you do not have them.



RYA Motor Cruising Handbook (G24) – Simon Jinks: A very useful publication written to accompany the Motor Cruising Scheme by this respected author/journalist and now head of the RYA Motor Cruising Scheme.

£13.65



RYA Cruising Instructors Handbook (G27): Totally essential reading for everyone attending and considering attending an Instructor course.

£6.85



RYA Motor Cruising Logbook (G18): The Logbook to accompany the scheme. Essential reading for anyone training under the RYA Motor Cruising Syllabus.

£4.75

Cost & course dates

We schedule 3 – 4 of these courses each year and suggest that you contact us to discuss the dates that interest you. Additional dates can be added as required. Prices are available from our website.

Do not hesitate to call me regarding any aspect of the course as I am always keen to chat about the course and your interest in it – 01202 686666 or email me at paul@powerboattraininguk.co.uk

Paul Glatzel

From the RYA's own documentation

Cruising Instructor qualification

Valid for Instructors teaching Helmsmans and Day Skipper practical courses.

Eligibility

64 years maximum age limit Commercial Endorsement YM Offshore Certificate of Competence
*Basic Sea Survival *VHF (Restricted) Operators Licence *Medical Fitness Examination *First Aid Certificate (ML5 or ENG1) or medical issued by a National Maritime Authority

Validity

The qualification is valid for five years. After 5 years the RYA Cruising Instructor must either be re-tested, or preferably take a Yachtmaster Instructor Qualifying Course.

Assessment

The assessment must be conducted by the Centre Principal or Chief Instructor. No more than two candidates may be examined in one day. Candidates will be assessed on their general suitability for instruction as well as specific skills.

Syllabus

Instructional Technique

Can:

- Set up tasks and teaching sessions appropriate to individual students.
- Brief clearly to all the crew or individuals.
- Ensure tasks are undertaken correctly and safely.
- Debrief and provide plan for improvement.
- Give convincing practical demonstrations of any part of the Competent Crew or Helmsman course and Day Skipper Practical course, including the following: Knots; sail handling and trim; man overboard; mooring; pilotage by day and night; IRPCS; basic meteorology; navigation to Day Skipper Practical standard; skippering ability including comprehensive knowledge of the yacht and its equipment.
- Explain clearly any part of the Competent Crew or Helmsman and Day Skipper Shorebased courses.

Knowledge:

- RYA Helmsman and Day Skipper Shorebased and Practical courses.

Understands:

- RYA Scheme
- Levels of competence required for award of certificates
- Duty of care
- Environmental protection issues
- Policies and procedures specific to the centre

Safety

Has a personal standard and style of skippering which engenders confidence in beginners.

Can

- Give a comprehensive safety briefing using the centre's instructions.

Understands:

- Centre's safety policy
- Accident reporting procedure
- Care of craft

Personal Skills

Can:

- Has the ability to welcome strangers on board and run a relaxed, happy ship.

Understands:

- How to gain feedback and deal with difficult customers and complaints
- The need for high personal standards

Instructors wishing to teach Coastal Skipper courses must have a current YM Instructor or YM Examiner endorsement.

Commercial endorsement

Instructors working on commercial vessels certificated under the Code of Practice must have a commercial endorsement to their Ocean or Offshore Yachtmasters certificate.

To obtain a commercial endorsement send the following to the RYA:

- Copy of Sea Survival Certificate (issued following a one day course)*
- Report of a medical fitness examination (form available from the RYA)*
- Original Yachtmaster or Coastal Skipper certificate (i.e not photocopy)
- Small fee

(*Or outside the UK, the nationally approved equivalent.)

First aid

Instructors must hold one of the following:

- RYA one day Small Craft First Aid Course
- Ships Captains Medical Course
- First Aid at Sea
- First Aid at Work (St John's, Red Cross or St Andrew's)
- Public First Aid (SJA, SAA)
- Medical or nursing qualification or higher standard
- Overseas: A First Aid Certificate issued by a National Authority

The first aid and commercial endorsement requirements apply to Yachtmasters, Cruising Instructors and Yachtmaster Instructors.