

## **RYA PWC Instructor**

Personal watercraft (PW) instructors are experienced PW drivers who have been trained and assessed to run the RYA's personal watercraft proficiency course.

We offer two courses depending on your existing Instructional experience:

- 3 day course: Aimed at those not currently RYA Powerboat Instructors.
- 1 day course: Aimed at existing RYA Powerboat Instructors seeking convert to become a PWC Instructor.

### *Entry requirements:*

- Minimum age 16 years
- Hold the RYA personal watercraft proficiency certificate.
- At least two year's experience of driving personal watercraft.
- Valid first aid certificate (either the RYA's First Aid Certificate, or one recognised by the Health and Safety Executive, covering the treatment of hypothermia and a minimum of 6 hours course length)

### **Three day course**

*Duration:* Three days, 9.00am – 5.00pm

*Who runs the course?:* The course is run by a PWC Trainer with one Trainer per 6 potential Instructors. Trainers are chosen, assessed & trained by the RYA as being those able to run and assess Instructor courses. On the last day of the course the Trainer is joined by the Course Moderator (another Trainer) who is there largely to assess the work of the Trainer but also adds real value to the course by providing an alternative perspective on the scheme.

*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 Instructors instruct sessions both on and off the water with regular debriefs with the 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 usually 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.

We would also recommend that you take us up on our offer of you attending a PWC Proficiency 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.

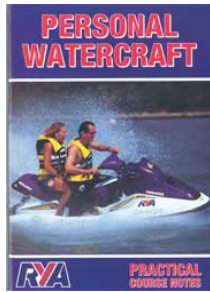
### **One day course**

As a powerboat instructor already you will concentrate on ensuring you are comfortable with how the course should be structured and what the key teaching points are. Unsurprisingly you should also expect to demonstrate a high level of competence riding the PWC to the Trainer.

## 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.

There are few books related to PWCs and PWC Instruction so we advise you to acquire the relevant powerboat books too.



**Personal Watercraft Practical Course Notes**  
- £7.99



**G13:** The new powerboating book from the RYA is the **RYA Powerboat Handbook** by RYA Powerboat Trainer **Paul Glatzel**. - **£13.65**



**Powerboat Instructor Handbook (G19):** Totally essential reading for everyone attending and considering attending an Instructor course. - £4.55

## Cost & course dates

We run 3 -4 three day courses and 10 or so conversion courses per year and suggest that you contact us to discuss the dates that interest you.

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](mailto:paul@powerboattraininguk.co.uk)

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