

## RYA Personal Watercraft – Certificate of Proficiency

Personal Watercraft (or jetskis as they are more commonly known) are often subject to significant limitations in respect of their use. In many areas the one day RYA PWC Course is essential if you want to be able to take your craft afloat.

The RYA's Personal Watercraft course is designed for first time and experienced riders alike. As stated, increasingly the certificate is required for launching in UK harbours, but is also needed if you want to use your PW abroad.

All new PWs are sold with a voucher towards the cost of this course and, once passed, you are issued with a certificate of proficiency.

Most courses take place over one day and you will be taught by an experienced, qualified instructor on our Yamaha Waverunner PWC with a maximum of six trainees (3 per bike). Courses can be taken either on our craft or your own.



The course teaches you how to use your PW safely, responsibly and with confidence, ensuring that you get the best out of it. It covers high and low speed riding skills, essential safety information, collision avoidance and orientation at sea.

Children aged between 12 and 16 can take the course. Their certificates will be endorsed to show that they must use PWs only under the supervision of a responsible adult. We only accept children onto these courses in the company of their parent/guardian.

### Course content/syllabus

#### Practical

- Launching
- Familiarisation
- Control at slow speed
- Falling off and re-boarding
- Balance & trim
- Stopping distances
- Capsize and righting
- Control at speed
- Following a planned route
- Identifying buoys and marks
- Recognising potential collision situations and taking correct avoiding action
- Slalom exercise
- Towing a PWC
- Knots

#### Theory

- Personal equipment
- Launching and landing
- Safety equipment
- Collision avoidance
- Navigation at sea including subjects such as charts, buoys and tides
- Weather forecasts
- Emergency equipment
- Courtesy to other water users

