

Course	Min. age	Aimed at	Skills developed	Entry requirements
Advanced Powerboat Examination (Certificate of Competence) [4 – 7 hours]	17	Those keen to work commercially up to 20 miles from a safe haven day or night.	Subject to applying for the Commercial Endorsement qualified to helm a craft up to 24m with 12 passengers up to 20 miles from a safe haven day or night.	30 days, 2 days as skipper, 800 miles, 12 night hours. (if you hold the Advanced course certificate this is reduced to 20 days, 2 days as skipper, 400 miles, 12 night hours). First Aid & VHF. Sea survival and a medical if applying for the commercial endorsement too.
Advanced Powerboat Instructor [2 days]	17	An experienced Powerboat Instructor with considerable hands on boating and night experience with very strong theory knowledge.	Also able to teach the Advanced and Intermediate Courses.	A Powerboat Instructor who possesses the Advanced Powerboat Certificate too. Yachtmaster Theory is not mandatory but is advisable.
Advanced Powerboat [2 days]	17	Experienced leisure and professional users keen to advance their skills. A good workup to the Advanced exam.	Night navigation plus an understanding of subjects like rough water handling, helicopter rescue, executing searches etc.	An experienced boater with theory knowledge at the level of the Dayskipper Theory course.
Intermediate Powerboat ('Powerboat Day Cruising') [2 days]	16	Those keen to expand their powerboating horizons gaining the skills to undertake coastal passages.	Enhanced knowledge of charts, tides and the planning of short coastal passages.	Competence to the level of Level 2. If new to boating then we'd advise a season of experience before attending the course to make the most of it.
Safety Boat [2 days]	16	Those involved in supporting/rescuing dinghies, kayaks, windsurfers etc.	An understanding of the way to approach rescuing a variety of craft plus the ability to support race events.	Level 2. We advise you to ensure that your close quarter boat handling is up to speed before attending the course.
Powerboat Instructor [3 days plus ½ day for the pre-assessment]	16	A powerboater with a passion for sharing their skills with others.	Able to teach Level 2 and Level 1 and if holding the Safety Boat qualification then that course too.	Level 2 and First Aid. VHF is not mandatory although essential in a coastal environment. The Pre-assessment is mandatory ahead of the course itself.
Level 2 ('National Powerboat Certificate') [2 days]	12	Everyone! Anyone keen to get into boating, those already with a boat keen to refine skills and those keen to attain an ICC.	The basic building blocks of good boating – close quarter boat handling skills and the navigation skills to undertake short inshore passages.	None. Level 1 is not required.
Level 1 [1 day]	8	Works as a great entry course – essentially a 'competent crew' course. Also a great intro for kids.	Basic boating skills primarily related to boat handling rather than the theory.	None.