

Powerboat Courses ~ What next & Special Offers

Inevitably when you are on a course your thoughts turn to what other courses you could do to further develop your skills and knowledge. Over a couple of pages we'll give you some suggestions and show how you can save some money. Have a read through this document during your course and please do raise any questions with your Instructor(s).

NB: Special offers are available for those booking other courses whilst with us on a course – see below

Perhaps obvious but often overlooked don't forget to spend some time consolidating what you have learnt during the course. It's no coincidence that the slow speed work we undertake with you on a course is the toughest bit to master, master it though and you'll never look back! How to practice this depends on whether you have your own boat or not.

Whether you need to hire (www.purplepelicanboathire.co.uk) or borrow a boat or you have your own my suggestion is to book a day off work (ideally during the week, it's quieter with fewer onlookers around) and spend the whole day practicing. Split your day up and plan the elements as we did on your course allocating time slots to each session. Keep coming back to the pontoon work and you will be surprised at how quickly you are improving. Perhaps over lunch plan another passage then execute it, do some anchoring, position fix using a hand bearing compass and so on. Please though remember the following points:

- Stay relaxed! You will bump into pontoons, you will get some things wrong – it's the only way any of us learn!
- Do everything slowly, if you are getting it wrong, relax, power off and think things through (have the 'RYA Powerboat Handbook' book to hand)
- Do accept as the day wears on your improvement will slow as you get tired – don't let this get to you.

Practice, as they say, makes perfect and definitely makes the arriving back at the marina or launch site more relaxing.

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VHF Course: Essential if you have your own boat as you should really have a VHF onboard as a key item of safety kit. A straightforward but fun one day course that we run every two weeks. More details are available on our website.

International Certificate of Competence ('ICC'): Many people attend the Level 2 course so as to be able to apply for this licence. If you have your certificate go to the section on our website – applying is easy!

RYA Basic Safety & Navigation (2 days) and Dayskipper Theory (5 days): Great courses focussing more time than is usually feasible on a practical course on subjects like tides, navigation, passage planning etc. Chat to your Instructor or visit the website for more information.

Intermediate Powerboat Course: If Level 2 is about getting the basics right then the focus of the Intermediate Course is about helping you to go further afield. Time is spent on charts, tides and passage planning and if we are on your boat then a longer passage is feasible (eg Poole to the Solent). Again a two day course with more info on the website.

Advanced: This 2 day course is a logical step for experienced powerboaters who want to push their knowledge on to the next level. The course assumes you are a very competent powerboater with a few years experience and navigation skills to the level of Dayskipper Theory. In addition to rough weather handling the course covers passage planning to a far more detailed level than at Level 2 with part of the execution then undertaken at night. A great course.

Other courses to think about and discuss with your Instructor:

First Aid: A fun useful course with a value way beyond boating.

Powerboat Instructors course: For those keen to share their passion and knowledge with others

Radar Course: An essential course for anyone with a radar on board their craft – indeed the Collision Regulations make specific reference to the need to fully understand your radar and its operation.

Sea Survival: A hugely useful course and good fun too. Only when you've undertaken the course will you really have an appreciation of how important it is to be able to deal with these sort of situations.

Personal Watercraft Certificate of Competence: Learn how to helm one of these fun craft.

And now to the special offers.....!!

If you book and pay for additional courses during your current course then you will benefit from the following offers:

Courses	Discounted price	Standard price
VHF	£50 + RYA Fee of £25	£95 + £25
Basic Safety & Navigation	£140	£180
Dayskipper Theory	£290	£350
Yachtmaster Theory	£290	£350
Radar	£50 + RYA Pack @ £10	£95 + RYA Pack @ £10
Hire boats		
2 hour hire of a Purple Pelican Hire Boat	£20 plus £15 for Insurance	£70 plus £15 for Insurance

All prices are inc VAT