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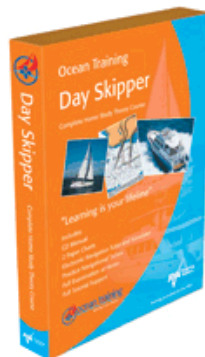
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New Day Skipper & Coastal Skipper home study courses

Anglia Sea Ventures is now offering computer based e-learning courses to compliment classroom training.

The CD based training by Ocean Training, is available for PC Windows and Mac platforms and includes Day Skipper and Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Offshore courses. Students too busy to commit to mid-week or weekend classroom training can complete a course at home at their own pace. Support is available by e-mail and telephone if you get stuck.



Under the arrangement, Anglia Sea Ventures is authorised to resell all Ocean Training's titles. Anglia Sea Ventures will offer practical training to their customers.

E-learning, or electronic learning, is gaining in popularity. Last year, Anglia Sea Ventures was the first RYA Training Centre to gain recognition to offer the web based Essential Navigation and Seamanship course. E-learning is a priority for the company and a key differentiator for our school.



Thank you for another great year

Thank you very much for your support during 2011. We know you have a choice when selecting a sea school and we very much appreciate you choosing us. It's been a tough year for the UK marine sector according to data from the British Marine Federation (BMF). Despite the downturn we experienced an increase in revenue during 2011 compared to the same period last year.

Revenues are up 16% with the number of bookings also up. Over 600 students passed through our doors compared to over 500 this time last year. So thank you once again from Roger & Lesley.



More Fast Track Day Skipper combined



The Day Skipper combined course uses up just 5 days of your annual leave.

The intensive fast track day skipper combined course was a popular addition in 2011. As a result we have added further dates for 2012. The 9-day course combines both the Day Skipper shorebased and Day Skipper practical syllabus. The course starts on a Saturday and runs through to the following Sunday meaning you need only take 5 days of holiday to complete it. The first four days are spent ashore in our classroom covering the theoretical side of the syllabus followed by 5 days living aboard one of our training yachts where we will travel to different places each day giving you the opportunity to skipper short passages under instruction. *“I cannot recommend the 9 day combined day skipper course highly enough. For me, it was a great way to put theory into practice, reinforcing what was taught in the classroom in a way that brought the theory side to life” - Michael Cosgrove, June 2011.*

New photo ID certificates

From 2012, Day and Coastal Skipper students may optionally purchase a photo style course completion certificate in preference to the paper ones. As well as being more secure, certain EU countries will accept Day Skipper as equivalent to an ICC. Paper certificates do not impress the authorities but the RYA believes a driving license style document will be better received. The National Powerboat scheme adopted photo style ID certificates for RYA Level 2 some while back so the system is tried and tested. The cost will be £20 in addition to the course fee and can be selected as an option when booking on-line. For a limited time, we are offering our existing Day and Coastal skippers the chance to upgrade, also for £20.00. Please eMail info@angliaseventures.com to request an upgrade.



New photo ID certificates are available as an upgrade to your paper certificate

VHF radio Distress changes are “crazy”

The VHF radio procedures for Distress have changed. It is now suggested that the ship's call sign, as well as the name and MMSI number, be included in the broadcast. E.g. *Mayday Mayday Mayday. This is name, name, name, MMSI 123456789, call sign ABCD9. Mayday name, MMSI 123456789, call sign ABCD9, My position is* The change will add tens of seconds to the broadcast duration and has not been widely welcomed. According to a coastguard I spoke to at Thames Coastguard, *“The changes are crazy. The most important thing is to tell us your position. We'll ask for your call sign if we need it.”*

Round the Island Race results

Perdita competed in the Round the Island race this June. Some 16,000 sailors faced winds of 28 knots and huge swells off the Needles and St Catherine's. Several vessels capsized, dismasted and collided. There was a constant stream of Mayday calls made during the first half of the race with a record 438 yachts retiring out of 1904 starters. The crew did exceptionally well given the conditions and were responsible for us achieving excellent results including a very respectable time of 8 hours and 49 minutes. We came 3rd out of 10 Bavaria 37's and 16th out of 99 Bavaria yachts of all sizes. Class results were also impressive coming 24th out of 57 starters in our ISC Rating System Group 5. In the Island Sailing Club division overall we came 335th out of 976 starters. Thanks to our crew Owen and Sara Morris, Steph Heenan, Alec High and Peter Harrison.



Yacht charter in Greece

Anglia Sea Ventures is now offering bareboat and skippered yacht charter from Lefkas marina in the Greek Ionian. The base at Lefkas is ideally situated for cruising both the North and South Ionian sailing areas. The charter fleet includes two 2010 Bavaria Cruiser 32's. The yachts have up to 6 berths and are perfect for two couples or a small family. They are easy to handle and a pleasure to sail. You can fly direct from the UK to

nearby Preveza airport with charter airlines including Monarch, Thomas Cook, Thompsonfly or Viking from Gatwick or Manchester. Airport transfers take just 20 minutes. To charter a yacht in Greece you must hold an RYA Day Skipper practical certificate or an International Certificate of Competence (ICC). The Ionian sailing area consists of six major islands including Cephalonia, Lefkas, Ithaca, Zakynthos (Zante) in the south, Corfu and Paxos in the north as well as the Greek mainland with its own array of beautiful villages, harbours and bays. Check out the charter section at www.angliaseventures.com.

Free RYA Essential Nav course for Day Skipper classroom students

We are pleased to announce that the RYA Essential Navigation & Seamanship online course is now offered free with Day Skipper theory classroom courses. The course, which normally costs £99, must be taken prior to attending the Day Skipper course and is an excellent primer for Day Skipper theory. In 2010 we noticed a 100% success rate for students passing Day Skipper theory that had already taken the Essential Navigation course compared with up to 20% failure rate when students take the Day Skipper intensive course on its own.



Essential Navigation & Seamanship is now free with Day Skipper shorebased courses

Fleet News

Silly-Goose, our new Legend 466, is joining the fleet for 2012. Available for both bareboat and skippered charter, the luxurious 46 foot yacht features a powerful fully battened mainsail and superb accommodation including 8 adult berths and a galley that would put some kitchens to shame featuring a fridge, freezer and microwave. With Silly-Goose joining the fleet we have decided to retire Tucepi from day to day use. She will instead return to being Roger and Lesley's personal boat and we are both really looking forward to spending some time leisure sailing. Our Live Vessel tracking has proved extremely popular this season with students and relatives alike. As well as family and friends tracking your progress during a course, you can retrace your sail step-by-step using the "Show Journeys" feature. Journeys are available for viewing up to 12 months after a course.



Silly-Goose, a Legend 466, joins the fleet in 2012

Team News

Mark Leggett and Martin Hague have completed their first season with us and have received generous course feedback from their students. We will be recruiting another two sailing instructors during the Winter so expect to see some new as well as familiar faces out on the water next season. Please join Lesley and Roger in saying a big thank you to all of our instructors for working so hard during 2011.



Roger Gross



Lesley Gross



Anthony Busby



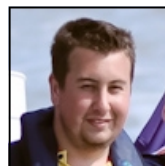
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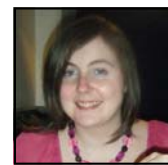
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