

RYA Practical and Shorebased Navigation Courses

							
Course	Start Yachting	Basic Navigation and Safety	Competent Crew	Day Skipper theory	Day Skipper	Coastal Skipper & Yachtmaster Offshore theory	Coastal Skipper
Course Type	Practical	Shorebased	Practical	Shorebased	Practical	Shorebased	Practical
Suggested minimum pre-course experience	None	None	None	Some practical experience desirable	5 days sea time 100 miles 4 night hours	Day skipper shorebased	15 days sea time (2 as skipper) 300 miles 8 night hours
Assumed knowledge prior to course	None	None	None	None	Navigation to Day Skipper shorebased. Sailing to Competent Crew	Navigation to Day Skipper shorebased	Navigation to Coastal Skipper shorebased & Sailing <u>beyond</u> Day Skipper practical
Course content	Introduction to sailing and seamanship	Introduces navigation and safety	Basic seamanship and helmsmanship	Basic seamanship and introduction to navigation	Seamanship, boat handling, pilotage and crew organisation	Offshore & coastal navigation, pilotage, coastal & offshore passages	Advanced skippering techniques, boat handling, pilotage and passage planning by day and night
Ability after course	Basic sailing experience	Basic knowledge of navigation and safety	Useful crew member	Background knowledge to skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day	Skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day	Background knowledge to skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day and night	Skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day and night
Minimum duration	2 days	16 hours	5 days	40 hours + assessment	5 days	40 hours + assessment	5 days
Level	Beginner			Intermediate		Advanced	

You may enter the scheme at any level subject to experience, then progress through the courses above from left to right. However we strongly recommend starting at the beginner level.