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Course Guide

This guide is aimed to help you decide which course is for you. If after reading the guide you are still not sure, then do please get in touch so that we can advise you.

We have broken the guide into several sections - Sailing, Powerboating and Shorebased. All theory courses are in the Shorebased section, regardless of the discipline they are aimed at.

It is recommended that students have a current copy of the relevant logbook in which to record their trips, and to help focus their learning targets. These are available through Wetstuff. In all cases, the pre-course experience listed in the log books should be regarded as a minimum.

Those looking to build up their sailing experience may wish to consider one of our Cruises. These range from 2 to 7 days. Please call for more information.

Sailing Courses - Logbook G15 (available from Wetstuff)

These course are all of 5 days duration, usually from a Sunday evening through to Friday afternoon.

Certificate Name	Suitable For	Pre-Course knowledge	Recommendations	Aim of Course
Competent Crew	Complete beginners	None needed	Ask questions, don't worry too much about understanding - this will come with practice. Enjoy it!	To give you the skills needed to help crew a yacht
Day Skipper	Those with some experience who are aspiring skippers	You should have at least 100 miles logged & have Competent Crew level knowledge	It is worth considering a shorebased course in advance to help you get more out of your Day Skipper.	To introduce you to the skills needed to skipper a yacht in daylight
Coastal Skipper	More experienced sailors who are looking to sail further offshore	You should have practiced Day Skipper level theory & feel reasonably comfortable managing the deck under way	Revise your rules of the road & nav before attending the course. It is worth considering a radio course & first aid to round off your skills.	To build on the Day Skipper skills enabling you to undertake longer passages with confidence.
MCA Exam Prep	Those looking to undertake the MCA Coastal Skipper or Yachtmaster Exam	Dependant on the exam either 400 miles logged (plus Coastal Skipper Course) of 2,500 miles, plus other requirements detailed in G15	You should have a good grasp of nav techniques, rules of the road and boat handling	To familiarise yourself with the exam vessel & format, tweaking your skills to get rid of any bad habits.

Powerboat Courses - logbook G20 (available from Wetstuff)

Certificate Name	Suitable For	Pre-Course knowledge	Duration	Aim of Course
Level 1	Beginners looking to go out with friends	None	1 day	To give you the skills to be able to drive a sportsboat or RIB
Level 2	Those with little or no experience looking to take their own boat out	None	2 days	To give you the skills needed to plan short passages and take friends out on your own boat.

Shorebased Courses - use the logbook appropriate to you.

Certificate Name	Suitable For	Pre-Course knowledge	Duration	Aim of Course
Short Range Certificate	Needed by at least 1 person on board to legally use marine VHF	None	1 day	To encourage correct radio procedure, & to give you an overview of GMDSS
RYA Radar Course	Anyone looking to find out more about using a modern radar	None	1 day	To show you how to set up & operate a radar & to explain its limitations.
Basic Electronic Charting Course	Those wishing to explore the use of software & hardware chartplotters	None	1 day	Look at how modern electronics can be used to speed up planning, differences between vector & raster charts, & basic use of GPS
2 Day Basic Navigation Course	Those wishing to learn the basic nav skills needed to keep you safe at sea	None	2 days	This course is suitable for those wanting to develop the basic nav skills used by all skippers. A useful precursor for those going on to do Day Skipper or Powerboat Level 2.
Competent Crew / Day Skipper Theory	Beginners, though it is advised that you have been afloat before	None	5 days	To give you a basic understanding of safety issues afloat, passage planning, navigation & rules of the road. Useful for those looking to do either Day Skipper or Powerboat Level 2 courses.
Coastal Skipper / Yachtmaster Theory	Those who already have some theory knowledge, who are looking to reinforce and develop their skills.	You should have a basic knowledge of nav skills & rules of the road	5 days	This course develops the skills taught on the Basic Navigation and Day Skipper Theory courses, looking at more complex & longer passages