

RYA Navigation for Day Skippers and RYA Coastal Skipper / Yachtmaster (both are shorebased)

Specific class details

The Day Skipper class is held on Monday 7.00-9.00pm

Coastal Skipper on Tuesday 7.00-9.00PM

Who is this course for?

Anyone who wishes to take to the water and wants to be safe and competent in navigation. Each course runs completely separately at different levels so you would enrol for one or the other. Both are undertaken in a classroom setting.

What will I learn?

On the **Day Skipper** course you will learn basic aspects of power boating and yachting. By the end of the course you will be aware of how to navigate on tidal waters, how to interpret weather forecasts, how to plot your position and course on Admiralty charts and on electronic plotting instruments. You will have gained an understanding of tidal heights and flows as well as Collision regulations and basic meteorology. The **Coastal Skipper** course offers a more advanced understanding of aspects covered in the Day Skipper course plus passage planning. Additionally a period of time during the course will be dedicated to electronic navigational instruments including chart plotters.

By the end of the course you will have learned how to identify other vessels by sight and sound signals; you will be able to work out tidal heights at Standard and Secondary ports and have studied the effect these have on navigation; you will have developed an understanding of Meteorology and have used that understanding to make judgements and decisions relating to weather conditions; you will learn to plot and project according to navigational procedures and so produce detailed plans.

How will I learn?

Teaching will be lecture-style using PowerPoint presentations, OHP & Computers.

You will undertake coursework, some of which will be observed by the tutor who will give regular feedback on your progress and achievement.

You will also be expected to undertake some exercises as homework which will be marked by the tutor.

How long is the course?

Both courses run for 30 weeks, each weekly session lasting 2 hours.

How much does it cost?

Please see ACES Access brochure for the fee which includes the cost of accreditation. A reduced fee may be available, ask your centre for details.

The following materials can be ordered through the tutor:

Student packs containing charts, course books and set exercises approx £ 25.30 are required for each of the courses.

Training Almanac approx £5.95 is essential for the Day Skipper but can then be used again for the Coastal Skipper course.

Navigational Instruments – Plotter and dividers approx £23.00 - essential for both courses.

'Symbols & Abbreviations' £9.00 - useful but optional for both courses.

'Collision Regulations' approx £5.00 - optional for Day Skipper but essential for the Coastal Skipper.

Are there any entry requirements?

No previous knowledge is required for the Day Skipper course.

You will need to have attended the full Day Skipper course, or have equivalent experience, for enrolment on the more advanced Coastal Skipper course.

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What happens in the first class?

No equipment needed for the first class other than pen, pencil and notepad. The first class will include induction to the programme and planning your learning. There will be opportunity to order the essential materials.

Do I need to do additional work outside the class?

Homework will be set each week plus revision for the exams. An average of 1.5 hours per week is expected.

Can I get extra help?

Support with English and maths is available through our network of literacy and numeracy workshops, along with general study skills support through our Study Skills Workshops.

If you feel you may need extra help because you are disabled or have a learning disability, please discuss this with the centre organiser before the start of the course: more information is available in our disability statement.

How will my learning be assessed?

Your tutor will undertake an initial assessment at the beginning of the course to find your starting point in the subject and any particular things you want to achieve from the course.

Then, ongoing assessment through observation, question and answer sessions and written examinations will take place and you will receive regular feedback on your progress from the tutor throughout the course. At the end of the course yourself and the tutor will assess how much progress you have made since the first assessment at the beginning of the course.

Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA)

All ACES programmes work to the RARPA quality standard. This means that your tutor will: (1) set clear programme aims; (2) find out what you already know and what you want to achieve; (3) work with you to agree learning outcomes for you; (4) assess your progress during the course and give you feedback on this; (5) assess your achievement with you at the end of the course. Your tutor will explain this more fully during the course.

Is there anything else I need to know about this course?

Each course, if successfully completed, issues a 'Certificate of competency' at the appropriate level for shore-based training.

Where next?

From the Day Skipper accreditation it is possible to progress onto the Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster course and from Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster to Ocean. Your tutor will explain this more fully during the course.

For further advice, ask your tutor or the centre where you are studying.

We are committed to ensuring that all members of the community have equal access to our programmes and an equal chance to succeed within them.

The Adult and Community Education Service reserves the right to close or cancel courses at their discretion, owing to for example, unavailability of tutors, facilities, or insufficient enrolment. If an entire course is cancelled, your fee will be refunded in full unless we can offer you a reasonable alternative.

Wakefield Adult & Community Education Service recognises the increasing importance of appropriate Maths and English qualifications to enable learners to take full advantages of the opportunities offered by further studies, improved employment prospects and increased community involvement. All learners who do not already have such qualifications will be offered the opportunity to improve their skills in these areas either through activities embedded within their vocational courses or through signposting to appropriate Skills for Life provision. Some vocational courses may have a requirement for such accreditation to be gained before completion of the course or before progression to the next level.