

Learn to Sail with Hamble Point Sailing School

Hamble Point Sailing School is a recognised RYA Training Centre offering the full range of RYA courses. RYA qualifications are respected around the world.

Practical courses take place on our comfortable and well-maintained boats. Should you wish to charter once qualified, you will be able to sail on a boat you are already familiar with making your first charter with us less stressful.

We want sailing to be fun and for you to feel part of the wider sailing community. Taking an RYA course is the first step in that direction allowing you the freedom to charter a boat, gain more experience and meet other likeminded people. We offer a full range of RYA practical, theory and shore-based courses, including ladies only course and social sailing trips.

Scheduled Courses or Private Tuition

We can tailor training to your needs and offer two distinctly different routes towards your qualifications. Join a scheduled course or engage an instructor for private tuition on dates that suit you allowing you to set the numbers on the course.



"An outstanding experience. I have completed my RYA Day Skipper and now Coastal Skipper with Hamble Point Sailing School, both were positive experiences on great boats with excellent tuition."

Scheduled Courses

Join one of our classroom* or practical courses with one of our superb RYA Instructors.

Practical courses are run with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 students to ensure plenty of instructor time for each student. You can choose the maximum number on board.

*Courses are delivered in association with our partner organisations

Private Courses & Own Boat Tuition

Whether you have gaps in your knowledge, would prefer a more intimate course or learn with family and friends, private tuition provides this opportunity.

We offer private day refreshers for rusty boat owners who want to practise skills such as berthing too!

RYA Training Courses



RYA Courses - Route Map and Course Formats

	Online Theory	Boat Based Practicals; Scheduled Courses**, Own Boat Tuition or Private Courses available	Classroom / Shorebased*
Beginner	RYA Essential Navigation & Safety	RYA Start Yachting Weekend RYA Competent Crew 5-days	
Intermediate	RYA Day Skipper Theory 40 hours RYA VHF / SRC 8 hours	ICC 1-day RYA Day Skipper 5-days	RYA First Aid 1-day RYA Sea Survival 1-day RYA Day Skipper Theory 5 days
Advanced	RYA Coastal Skipper & Yachtmaster Theory 40 hours RYA PPR	RYA Coastal Skipper 5-days Yachtmaster Preparation	RYA Coastal Skipper & Yachtmaster Theory 5 days

**Ladies-only courses available. *Delivered in association with partner organisations.

Please contact us for advice on which course is right for you, to book, or check availability.



Other Social Sailing Events/Brush-up Courses

Sailing Taster Days - makes an idea gift and is the perfect way to try sailing in a stress-free environment.

Book-a-Berth Weekends - join a crew of like-minded people plus a skipper for a weekend sail. Meet new people, have fun, practice new skills and log tidal miles.

Skipper Skills Weekend - a weekend brush up course for rusty skippers or those wanting to improve. The focus is on boat handling, mooring and man overboard recovery.

RYA Practical Courses

RYA Start Yachting

A two-day course for beginners, this introduction to sailing will give you experience helming a yacht, sail handling, rope work and safety awareness on board.

Holders of the RYA start yachting certificate can go on to complete Competent Crew in a reduced time of three days, not the usual two weekends.

Course duration: 2 days

RYA Competent Crew

A course for beginners who would like to become active crew members rather than just passengers.

By the end of the course you will be a useful crew member, able to steer, handle sails, keep a lookout, row a dinghy and assist in all the day to day duties on board.

Course duration: 5 days.

RYA Day Skipper

A course for aspiring skippers with some previous yachting experience and basic navigation skills.

You will learn to skipper a short passage with the instructor on hand to give advice and encouragement and ensure your safety.

By the end of the course you should be able to skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day

Pre-course experience: 5 days, 100 miles, 4 night hours on board a sailing yacht.

Course duration: 5 days. Minimum age: 16

RYA Coastal Skipper

Advanced skippering techniques for yachtsmen and women with considerable knowledge of sailing and navigation, wanting to undertake coastal passages by day and night.

This course consists of skippered passages in a variety of situations. Trainees will skipper more challenging passages and learn about passage planning, pilotage by day and night, boat handling, safety and emergency situations.

By the end of the course you should be able to skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day and night and have the knowledge, if not the experience, to become a Yachtmaster.

Pre-course experience: 15 days, 2 days as skipper, 300 miles, 8 night hours

Course duration: 5 days. Minimum age: 17

RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal: Practical Exam & Prep

The RYA Yachtmaster Coastal provides you with the knowledge needed to skipper a yacht on coastal cruises day and night, though this course does not necessarily give you the experience needed to undertake longer passages.

Pre-exam experience: 30 days, 2 as skipper, 800 miles, 12

night hours (reduced to 20 days, 2 days as skipper, 400 miles, 12 night hours if you hold the RYA Coastal Skipper course completion certificate).

Minimum age: 17

Prep Duration: 5 days + exam

RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore: Practical Exam & Prep

The RYA Yachtmaster Offshore provides the qualifications to skipper a cruising yacht on any passage during which the yacht is no more than 150 miles from harbour.

Pre-exam experience: 50 days, 2,500 miles including at least 5 passages over 60 miles, 2 overnight and 2 as skipper.

Minimum age: 18 years

Prep Duration: 5 days + exam

RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Ocean: Oral Examination

A person holding an RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Ocean qualification is experienced and competent to skipper a yacht on passages of any length in all parts of the world.

Pre-exam experience: Ocean passage as skipper or mate of watch, with minimum non-stop distance of 600 miles, at sea continuously for at least 96 hours, more than 50 miles from land for 200 miles. Must hold an RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate of Competence or a DoT Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate issued prior to 1973.



RYA Online, Shorebased & Other Sailing Courses

RYA Essential Navigation - Online*

An excellent introduction to navigation and safety awareness for all water users including powerboaters and anglers as well as sailors. Topics include weather forecasting, chartwork, bouyage, rules of the road, passage planning and more.

Estimated course duration: 6 hours

RYA Day Skipper Theory - Online or Classroom*

This course equips you with enough knowledge to navigate around familiar waters by day. Topics covered include chartwork, position fixes, collision prevention regulations, emergency procedures and a basic knowledge of lights is also included to introduce you to night cruising.

Estimated course duration: 40 hours.

RYA Coastal / Yachtmaster Theory - Online or Classroom*

Advanced training building on the skills learned in RYA Day Skipper theory and will equip you with the knowledge required for the RYA/MCA Yachtmaster exams.

Topics include tidal calculations, plotting weather systems, weather predictions using a barometer, course plotting, lights and sound signals and collision regulations.

Pre-course experience: RYA Day Skipper Theory

Estimated course duration: 40 hours including 3 exams.

RYA VHF/ Marine Radio (SRC) - Online*

This short specialist course is the minimum qualification required to operate marine VHF radio equipment on a UK flagged vessel. This includes both fixed and handheld equipment with and without Digital Selective Calling (DSC).

After completing the online course, you will take a written and practical assessment in order to obtain the certificate.

Minimum age: 16

RYA PPR - Online*

The RYA Professional Practices and Responsibilities is required should you wish to gain commercial endorsement and gain employment.

The course covers how you fit into the professional maritime world, your responsibilities for correct manning, crew safety, boat sea-worthiness, and suitability for the proposed use.

RYA First Aid - Shorebased*

A comprehensive shore-based course specifically covering cold water shock, drowning and the effects of dry drowning, recovery position, hypothermia, seasickness, dehydration and helicopter rescue.

Course duration: 1 day

RYA Sea Survival - Shorebased with pool session*

A 1-day course providing an understanding of how to use the safety equipment on board your boat.

During the classroom section you will learn about EPIRBs, PLBs, search and rescue techniques, lifejackets and liferafts. During the swimming pool session, you will experience first hand the challenges of climbing into a liferaft and assisting others whilst wearing wet weather sailing gear and inflated lifejackets.

Course duration: 1 day

ICC Preparation: Training & Practical Test

1 day training and practical test in order to obtain an ICC (International Certificate of Competence) required by most European countries in order to charter a yacht. Please check your charter company requirements.



Skipper Skills Weekends - Practical (Non RYA)

Once qualified, Skippers need to keep up the skills they have learned. Skills such as berthing are lost if not practised regularly. These specially designed weekends offer the perfect brush up and improve opportunities.

Aim to improve close quarter boat handling under sail and power, blind (fog) navigation, tidal calculations update including secondary ports, sailing onto moorings and man overboard recovery.