

RYA SHOREBASED COURSES

for sailing and motor cruising clients

Our RYA shorebased courses are run over five days or two weekends in Hamble or Lancashire. We also offer 9 day courses combining theory and practical.

Features

- ▶ We offer a variety of locations and formats to suit your needs, whilst retaining low student to instructor ratios.
- ▶ We provide dedicated, knowledgeable instructors, a high quality training environment and course notes.
- ▶ We maximise your involvement in all aspects of the course, using instructional videos, and open discussion as key learning aids.
- ▶ If you want to 'get away from it all' for a few days, consider the Premier Ambition option – fully residential, high quality catering (max. 3 students*).



Course	Suitability and Aims
Day Skipper	For those with some sailing experience who wish to learn more about seamanship and familiarise themselves with the principles of navigation and meteorology.
Coastal Skipper / Yachtmaster Offshore Course	For those already at Day Skipper standard or equivalent wishing to progress to offshore and coastal navigation, pilotage and meteorology.

Format	Location	Benefits
5 weekdays	Hamble or Lancashire	A concentrated approach for those wanting a non stop theory course.
One 2 day weekend & one 3 day weekend	Hamble or Lancashire	An intensive course ideal for those clients with limited time.
9 days combining shorebased and practical training	Hamble	Follow theory with practise to maximise the benefits of this intensive training to achieve Day Skipper or Coastal Skipper certification.

Location	Max. Class Size	Benefits
Lancashire	3* or 9 students	Quiet location for concentration or group discussion with like minded individuals.
Hamble	9 students	Classroom learning at the heart of the Solent sailing scene.

SPECIALIST COURSES

RYA 1 Day Specialist courses - for all clients whatever your interests.

Information sheets are available on request for the following specialist RYA courses. The courses are, where possible, scheduled to coincide with our RYA Practical Course programme.

Small Craft Sea Survival Course	Hamble
To provide all who go to sea in small motor or sailing vessels the basic knowledge and practical experience of personal survival principles and techniques.	
VHF Short Range Certificate (SRC) Course	Hamble & Lancashire
The VHF Short Range Certificate (SRC) is the radio operator qualification that authorises the holder to operate a VHF radiotelephone fitted with Digital Selective Calling (DSC) on board any British vessel voluntarily fitted with radio equipment.	
First Aid	Hamble & Lancashire
Covers the basic aspects of first aid and leads to an RYA First Aid Certificate.	
Diesel Engine	Hamble
Understand the basic theory and principles of the Diesel Engine, to include the fuel system, the cooling system, the air system, and the electrical system from the viewpoint of preventative maintenance, faultfinding and daily checks.	
Radar	Southampton
These courses are designed as two complementary modules. They provide the skills and confidence to use the radar equipment to the full extent of its capabilities.	

Own Boat Tuition & New Boat Familiarisation

Should you wish to use your own boat for RYA Instruction, MCA Exam Preparation, or simply require coaching in specific areas such as boat handling, pilotage or sail trimming, please call us to discuss your requirements.

Cruising Instructor or Yachtmaster Instructor Qualification

Join us for a couple of days on one of our courses to undergo assessment as an RYA Cruising Instructor, or spend five days sharpening your skills prior to the RYA Yachtmaster Instructor Assessment.

Boat Handling Under Power & Sail (Yachts Only)

An intensive 2 day course to refine your mooring, marina manoeuvring and reversing skills. Learn and increase your confidence in a safe environment.

Yacht Maintenance

Whether you are a boat owner or charterer, it is important that you have sufficient familiarity to get you 'out of trouble' if problems arise with your boat's 'systems'! Join us on this unique one day course for the basics.

International Certificate of Competence

If you are contemplating chartering abroad it is likely that the country you are visiting will require you to hold an International Certificate of Competence.

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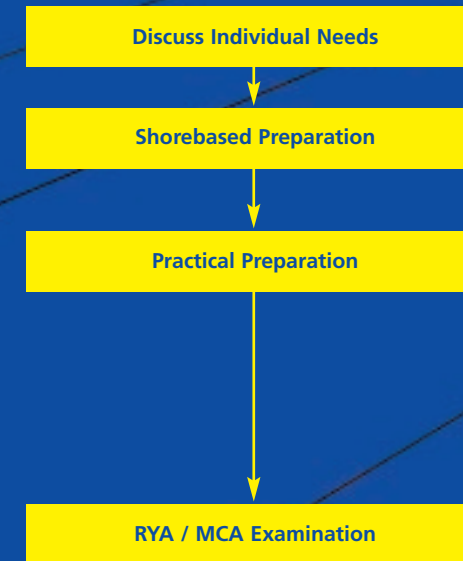
RYA/MCA EXAM

preparation for sailing and motor cruising clients

For the RYA/MCA Coastal Skipper or Yachtmaster Offshore examinations, Ambition Sailing offers a unique personalised package by providing intensive preparation suited to your needs. We will work with you to assess your strengths and areas for development, then comprehensively prepare you for the practical exam.

" I would have no hesitation recommending Ambition Sailing to anyone "

" Very helpful in arranging a tailor made course "



Identification of individual training needs and the formulation of a personal preparation plan.

Depending on individual needs, clients may review some, or the entire shorebased syllabus at one of our shorebased training locations.

Either conducted as part of one of our RYA practical courses or as own boat tuition. Involves rigorous preparation covering mooring, anchoring and manoeuvring under sail and/or power. We will ensure that you have ample opportunity to practice all complicated competencies such as blind navigation, pile mooring and night pilotage. Typically 4 to 5 days practical training is required.

We recommend that exam preparation is followed immediately by the DoT exam, which we are happy to arrange on your behalf.

Features

- ▶ Our pass rate is excellent – and we let YOU choose whether to take the exam!
- ▶ We restrict practical preparation to a candidate to instructor ratio of 4 to 1.
- ▶ Key aspects of the preparation include refining skipper technique, for example delegation and crew communication. We will also identify and break any bad habits formed over previous years and help you overcome any areas of particular difficulty.
- ▶ We recognise each individual has differing needs. Please call us to discuss your requirements. We will be happy to prepare an individual training proposal.

REMEMBER, OUR ADVICE IS FREE. Please contact us to discuss your requirements:

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TRAINING AMBITION

Ambition Sailing is an RYA Training Centre and offers a full range of RYA Sail, Motor Cruising, Powerboat and Shorebased courses and other specialist training, including RYA/MCA exam preparation, boat handling under power and sail and own boat tuition.

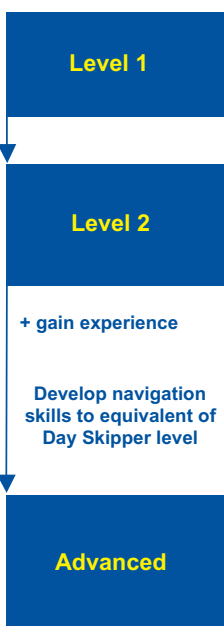


Sail & Motor Cruising* Scheme

Minimum Experience	Practical Courses	Shorebased Courses	Specialist Courses	Test / Exams
Beginners start here!	Competent Crew / Helmsman*			International Certificate of Competence Assessment
	+ gain experience	Day Skipper	First Aid At Sea	
5 days, 100 miles, 4 night hours	Day Skipper		Diesel Engine	
	+ gain experience as skipper	Coastal Skipper / Yachtmaster	Small Craft Sea Survival	
15 days, 300 miles, 8 night hours	Coastal Skipper		VHF(SRC)	Coastal Skipper (RYA/MCA)
			Radar	
				Yachtmaster Offshore (RYA/MCA)

Recommended 2500 miles, 50 days, 5 days as skipper, five 60 mile passages (two as skipper, two at night)

Powerboating Scheme



We have built an enviable reputation for quality of customer service and high standards of instruction. Our techniques are practical, informative and fun. For RYA courses, we will ensure the syllabus is completed, even at the expense of an evening drink if necessary!

To help you achieve your ambitions effectively we have spent considerable time developing new training concepts and course formats. We maximise the involvement of all students in all aspects of the course, whether practical or shorebased.

In keeping with our quest for client satisfaction we have, where possible, endeavoured to include all the essentials within our prices. Please see our current price list for details.

Recognising the pressures of everyday life we have designed our instructional programme in a flexible and innovative way. This will enable you to enjoy your training, whilst minimising disruption to your work activities and home life.

- ▶ Look no further for the best range of sailing, motor cruising and powerboating courses available on the most comprehensively equipped craft!
- ▶ Learn effectively in a fun environment - our instructors are chosen not only for their qualifications and knowledge, but also for their dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm.
- ▶ Low student to instructor ratios ensure individual attention and high standards.
- ▶ The success of our approach is reflected by our clients excellent exam pass rates and consistently positive client feedback.
- ▶ Optimise the use of your leisure time by choosing our innovative course formats.
- ▶ On successful completion of RYA courses clients will receive an RYA Course Completion Certificate.

RYA SAIL CRUISING

Whatever your level of experience, Ambition Sailing would be delighted to help you develop your sailing skills further. Based in The Solent our courses are run over five days, two weekends or three weekends. You can also join our popular 9 day courses combining theory and practice.

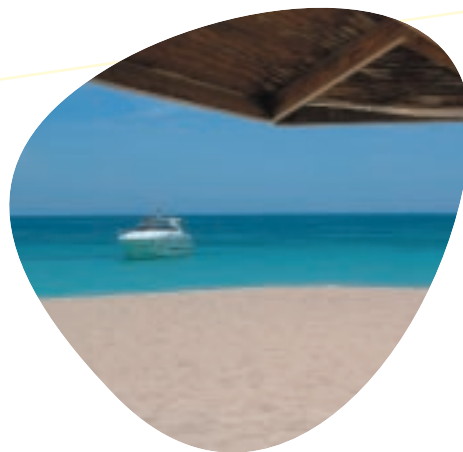
Our yachts, based in Ocean Village, Southampton are fully equipped for training. In association with Firstaway Charters we ensure that they are fitted out to a high specification (such as refrigerated cool box, showers, heating and 240v shore supply) including the navigation and deck equipment necessary to complete all aspects of the syllabus. The yachts sleep 5 people comfortably in double and single berths.

Course	Suitability and Aims
Competent Crew	Beginners start here! A practical course, designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to newcomers or those with little cruising experience.
Day Skipper	Designed for those with some sailing experience and basic navigation knowledge who wish to progress to skipper small yachts in familiar waters by day – usually the minimum level of experience required to charter in the UK and abroad.
Coastal Skipper	For those with Day Skipper experience and more, including Coastal Skipper shorebased navigational knowledge, who wish to gain confidence in sailing coastal waters by day and night.

Format	Location	Benefits
2 day or 3 day weekends	Southampton	Three 2 day weekends or for those with less time one 2 day weekend plus one 3 day weekend.
5 Days	Southampton	Monday to Friday, or for those with work pressures 5 days over a weekend - bank holiday dates also available.
9 Days Shorebased and Practical	Hamble	Saturday to Sunday for intensive learning. Combine classroom tuition with practical application at Day Skipper or Coastal Skipper levels. This allows the student to put theory into practice at an early stage – effective learning in an efficient manner!

Features

- To ensure you receive top quality instruction and maximum tuition time, we restrict our RYA student to instructor ratio to a maximum of 4 to 1 on the majority of courses.
- Your involvement in all aspects of the course is maximised, including the day to day running of the yacht. This instils confidence in the practical operation of a yacht as well as achieving sailing competence.
- For those with limited time, we provide a variety of course formats to suit your needs.
- You will receive good quality food and practical catering on the yacht, including some home cooked food.



RYA MOTOR CRUISING

If you are thinking about buying a motor cruiser, want to develop the skills to charter confidently, or simply want to 'learn to drive one', then please call us. We will be delighted to help you develop your skills and experience.

The Solent is an ideal location for RYA Motor Cruising courses. Our base is situated on the River Hamble providing easy access to the central Solent area. We are ideally situated to maximize your time spent developing boat handling, navigational and pilotage skills.

To provide the best Motor Cruising courses, we have teamed with Blue Ocean and use 'Aquaholix', a luxurious, high spec Sealine T46 motor cruiser (flybridge, twin engine shaft drive) as the primary instruction boat.

Course	Suitability and Aims
Helmsman	A two day boat handling course, ideal for beginners, including boat handling under way, securing to a buoy, anchoring, man overboard, mooring plus theory topics including safety, rules of the road and being towed.
Day Skipper	Designed for those with some experience wishing to develop their skippering skills, courses include boat and engine handling, and pilotage with some coastal navigation.
Coastal Skipper	Course assumes competence at helming and navigation. More advanced boat handling and navigational techniques, including meteorology and radar modules are major topics at this level - designed for those who wish to skipper longer passages.

Format	Benefits
Weekends or 4 days	Two 2 day weekends for those with work pressures. 4 days (some courses include a weekend to minimise time away from work for those who want to complete the course in one go).
9 Days Shorebased and Practical	Saturday to Sunday for intensive learning. Combine classroom tuition with practical application at Day Skipper or Coastal Skipper levels. This allows the student to put theory into practice at an early stage – effective learning in an efficient manner!

Features

- Your course will use probably the best equipped, most luxurious motor cruising training vessel in the Solent. The specification includes radar, chartplotter, ensuite cabins, tv and microwave oven.
- Your involvement in all aspects of the course is maximised. This instils confidence in the technical operation as well as achieving practical competence.
- Maximum of 4 RYA students per course.
- Prices include fuel and mooring fees, high quality breakfast and lunches (excludes evening meals which are taken ashore).

“ There is no doubting the commitment at Ambition Sailing ”

“ Instructor brilliant in his approach to teaching ”

“ Excellent value - keep up the personal touch ”



RYA POWERBOATING COURSES



Level 1, 2 and Advanced Powerboat courses are provided from our base at Ocean Village Marina, Southampton.

Southampton Water and the central Solent are easily accessible for all our courses, maximising training time, with plenty of sheltered locations available if needed.

We have teamed with Firstaway Charters to enable us to provide courses on one of the best-equipped RIBs in the Solent. H2EAU is a 6.5m Solent RIB with a single 115hp engine. The electronic equipment includes integrated radar, chart plotter and instruments enabling us to deliver courses using the latest navigation technology – an up and coming theme on RYA courses!

Course	Duration	Suitability and Aims
Level 1	1 day	No previous experience required, this is a practical introduction to boat handling and safety. The course concentrates on preparation, boat handling, coming alongside and being towed.
Level 2	2 days	No previous experience required. This course can also lead to the award of an International Certificate of Competence. Gain the skills and background knowledge to safely take a powerboat to sea in daylight with reasonable weather and tidal conditions. Considered essential when taking a boat and other people to sea safely and, confidently.
Advanced	2 days	Students will be required to have extensive experience beyond Level 2 and also to have navigation knowledge to RYA Day Skipper level or equivalent. Training will specifically develop passage making (day & night), pilotage, meteorology skills and cover additional topics including boat handling and use of GPS.

Features

- The RIB is fully equipped with relevant safety equipment and navigation electronics (radar, chart plotter, GPS) to enhance your learning and enjoyment.
- Shower / changing facilities are available adjacent to the pontoons.
- Maximum student to instructor ratio of 3 to 1.

“ Thanks for making me so welcome, very happy to recommend you! ”

“ The instruction was pitched at everyone's needs brilliantly ”

“ Booking procedure very prompt and efficient ”

“ Ambition Sailing go the extra mile - keep it up! ”

“ Very enjoyable! I will definitely book my next course with Ambition Sailing ”