

Short Course Name	Number of Days	Accredited with	Theory/Practical	Prerequisites	Certificate Obtained	Ability after Course	Included
Start Yachting (1)	2	RYA	Practical	None	RYA Start Yachting (1)	Basic sailing ability	Accommodation on board training yacht; Foul weather gear (on loan)
Basic Navigation Course	2	RYA	Both	None	RYA Basic Navigation and Safety	Basic knowledge of navigation and safety	
Competent Crew	5	RYA and/or SAS	Practical	None	RYA Competent Crew or SAS Competent Crew	Useful crew member	Accommodation on board training yacht; Foul weather gear (on loan)
Day Skipper Theory	4	RYA and/or SAS	Theory	None	RYA Day Skipper Theory or SAS Day Skipper Theory	Background knowledge to skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day	Light lunches
Day Skipper Practical	5	RYA and/or SAS	Practical	Minimum age: 16	RYA Day Skipper Practical or SAS Day Skipper Practical (2)	Skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day	Accommodation on board training yacht; Foul weather gear (on loan)
Day Skipper Combo Course (2) BEST VALUE!	9	RYA and/or SAS	Both	Minimum age: 16	RYA Day Skipper Theory and/or SAS Day Skipper Theory; RYA Day Skipper Practical and/or SAS Day Skipper Practical	Skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day	Accommodation on board training yacht; Foul weather gear (on loan); Light lunches during theory training (4 days)
Coastal Skipper Theory or Yachtmaster Offshore Theory (3)	6	RYA	Theory	RYA Day Skipper Theory Certificate	RYA/MCA Coastal Skipper & Yachtmaster Offshore Theory	Background knowledge to skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day and night	Accommodation on board training yacht; Light lunches
Coastal Skipper Theory or Yachtmaster Offshore Theory (3)	5	SAS	Theory	SAS Day Skipper Theory Certificate	SAS Coastal Skipper & Yachtmaster Offshore Theory	Background knowledge to skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day and night	Accommodation on board training yacht
Mileage Builder	5 (+- 300 miles)	-	Practical	None	No certificate issued; Signed off in logbook only	Aim to gain sufficient sea miles to qualify for exam	Accommodation on board the training yacht; Foul weather gear (on loan)
Coastal Skipper Practical or Yachtmaster Offshore Practical (3)	5	RYA and/or SAS	Practical	Minimum age: 17; 15 days sea time (2 days as skipper); 300 miles; 8 night hours	RYA/MCA Coastal Skipper & Yachtmaster Offshore Practical; SAS Coastal Skipper & Yachtmaster Offshore Practical	Skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day and night	Accommodation on board the training yacht; Foul weather gear (on loan)
Coastal Skipper Prep Week or Yachtmaster Offshore Prep	5	RYA and/or	Practical		No certificate issued; Signed off in logbook only	Prepared for exam	Accommodation on board the training yacht; Foul

<u>Week</u>		SAS					weather gear (on loan)
<u>Yachtmaster Ocean Theory</u>	6	RYA	Theory	Coastal and offshore sailing	RYA Yachtmaster Ocean Theory	Background knowledge to skipper a yacht on ocean passages	Accommodation on board the yacht; Light lunches
<u>Yachtmaster Ocean Practical</u>	2	RYA	Practical	Ocean passage as skipper or mate of watch; RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate; RYA Yachtmaster Ocean Theory Certificate	RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Ocean	Background knowledge to skipper a yacht on ocean passages	Accommodation on board the training yacht; Foul weather gear (on loan)
<u>Power Boat Level II</u>	2	RYA	Practical	None	RYA Power Boat Level II	Boat handling and seamanship in power boat	Foul weather gear (on loan)
<u>Diesel Engine Maintenance</u>	1	RYA	Practical	None	RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance	Basic diesel engine maintenance	
<u>Radar</u>	1	RYA	Practical	None	RYA Radar	Use small boat radar and assist in decision making in collision avoidance, pilotage and navigation	
<u>VHF Radio</u>	1	RYA	Practical	None	RYA VHF Radio0	Operating VHF radio under different conditions eg. emergencies and medical assistance	

- (1) A holder of a Start Yachting Certificate can obtain a Competent Crew Certificate by completing only another 3 days of the Competent Crew Course (instead of 5 days).
- (2) Get two certificates for the price of one! Do your RYA Day Skipper and SAS Day Skipper together for a minimal additional fee.
- (3) The syllabuses for Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster Offshore are identical. However, the exam requirements are different.