



MYLOR YACHT CLUB

RYA - Recognised Training Centre

TRAINING COURSES INFORMATION - 2010

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MYC is an RYA Recognised Training Centre (RTC) and we offer RYA and other Training Courses to our members throughout the year.

For full details of these Courses, and to Sign-Up for them please see the MYC Website > Members Section > Training, or the Club Training Notice Board, or contact Penny Chuter, the Training Co-ordinator.

Winter (Theory) Courses:

RYA-Basic Navigation & Safety (BNS) – Theory: This is an ‘initial level’ Course. It provides an introduction to the basic navigation and safety skills essential for crewing/skippering a small boat at sea. It requires 16 hours, and is usually run over 6 weekly evening sessions of 3 hours each.

RYA-Day Skipper – (Theory): This Course facilitates a sound grasp of the principles of navigation and safety and provides a comprehensive introduction to chartwork, navigation (both basic and electronic), meteorology and the basics of seamanship. It requires 40 hours, plus time for two final assessment papers. It is usually run over 16 weekly evening sessions of 3 hours each.

RYA-Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Offshore – (Theory): This is an advanced Course in navigation and meteorology, and the prior level of knowledge is equivalent to the Day Skipper. It is an in-depth course covering everything except celestial navigation, and it requires 40 hours plus 3 final assessment papers. It is usually run over 16 weekly evening sessions of 3 hours each.

RYA-Marine VHF Radio – Short Range Certificate (SRC): If you own a fixed or hand-held marine VHF radio, you must hold this Certificate by law. This is a one-day Course which includes Digital Selective Calling (DSC). Those holding an old VHF licence need only take a half-day DSC Update Course. A radio is a safety ‘life-line’, and it is vital to understand the correct procedures.

RYA-Diesel Engine Maintenance: Mechanical failure is the main cause of lifeboat call-outs. Basic maintenance and engine care experience may ensure you don’t become part of these statistics. This one-day Course gives you the ability to take simple measures to prevent mechanical breakdown at sea and rectify defects that do not require workshop support.

RYA-Introduction to RADAR: Sailing and motor yachts increasingly have RADAR on board, and the IRPCS state that, if you have it on board, you must know how to use it. This one-day Course provides an understanding of RADAR as an aid to navigation and collision avoidance at sea.

RYA-First Aid at Sea: In a medical emergency at sea a little first aid knowledge and immediate action can save lives. This one-day Course provides a working knowledge of first aid for people using small craft. It also satisfies the requirements of some categories of commercial work afloat. First Aid Certificates are only valid for 3-years, so check if yours needs renewal this year!

RYA- Sea Survival: This one-day course prepares you to stay alive in an emergency. You will do practical drills in a Life Raft, and you will learn basic survival techniques and how to use all the safety equipment on your boat. As well as being a genuine ‘lifesaver’, it is also great fun to do!

MYC-Chart Correction Workshop: This full-day Session shows you how to download Chart Updates from Websites, and then helps you make the necessary corrections on your own charts.

MYC-Electronic Navigation Techniques: This is a half-day Course which aids the transition from basic to electronic navigation techniques, and the use of GPS and Chart Plotters. It is based on the RYA DVD entitled 'The Electronic Yachtmaster' by Tom Cunliffe.

MYC-RADAR – Follow-Up: This half-day Course is for those who have already taken the RYA RADAR Course and who wish to further their knowledge of the practical uses of RADAR at sea.

MYC-Advanced Diesel Engine & Trouble-Shooting: This half-day Course is for those who have already taken the RYA Diesel Course, and who wish to extend their knowledge, particularly in respect of 'trouble-shooting' a range of problems.

Spring & Autumn (Practical) Courses:

ICC: (International Certificate of Competence): European Countries are increasingly requiring visiting yachtsmen to hold an **ICC Certificate** when cruising in their waters. It is broadly equivalent to the RYA Day Skipper, and is also the minimum requirement to charter a boat. There is a separate ICC for Sail and Power, and both require the demonstration of basic competence in boat handling via a practical test, together with an oral/written test covering a working knowledge of collision regulations, safety at sea, pilotage and navigation.

CEVNI: (Code Europeen des Voies de la Navigation Interieure): This Certificate is an ICC Endorsement, and is required for using **inland waterways** throughout Europe (excl.UK). The rules are contained in the CEVNI Booklet which must be kept on board. This covers everything you need to know for the short exam which comprises about 15 multi-choice questions.

Powerboat Training – General Information:

In order to Cox or Crew the club RIB members must hold at least the RYA Power Boat Level 2 Certificate (PBL2), and must also be at least 18-Years old. When the RIB is used to support external regattas and events, the Cox must hold the RYA Safety Boat (SB) Certificate. At least one member of a safety boat crew must also hold the Marine Radio SRC Certificate, and it is strongly recommended that they also hold a First Aid Certificate.

Club internal racing cannot take place without a pool of members qualified to cox/crew the safety boat, so it has been agreed that the PBL2 and SB Certificate Courses will be substantially subsidised by the Club for those volunteering for safety boat duty on at least 3 occasions annually.

RYA-Powerboat Level 2 Certificate (PBL2): This Certificate is a pre-requisite for the SB Certificate. It is for those with at least one seasons' experience of small powerboats and is normally offered as a two-day Course (instruction + assessment). Those with more experience may take the assessment on one day. The practical assessment covers a range of manoeuvres and boat handling skills together with an oral/written test covering the theory. This includes a working knowledge of collision regulations, safety at sea, pilotage and navigation.

RYA-Safety Boat Certificate (SB): Candidates for this Certificate must already hold the PBL2 above. The Course requires one day of instruction and one-day of assessment and the syllabus focuses on the skills and knowledge required to operate as a safety/escort boat for racing fleets of dinghies. It covers specific rescue and towing techniques for a wide variety of craft.

MYC-Safety Boat Coxswain & Crew - Refresher Course: This is a one-day internal MYC course available only for those who already hold either the PBL2 or the SB Certificates and are on the list of volunteers for Safety Boat Duty. The course simply offers a day of guided practice in handling the RIB in a variety of situations for those wanting a 'refresher'.

MYC-Methods of Recovery of MOB on Cruising Yachts: This one-day Course includes a presentation covering the essential principles of MOB Recovery, including a variety of equipment and methods of retrieval. The focus will be upon the retrieval from sea to deck, and not MOB Drill as a whole. The candidates will then go aboard a member's Yacht/Motor Cruiser to watch (close-up) live demonstrations of MOB Recovery Techniques to both a yacht and a motor cruiser.