

# The Dream or Two Experience of Yachting

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## **RYA Day Skipper Practical Course Tidal**



The aim of this course is to teach pilotage, navigation, seamanship and boat handling up to the standard required to skipper a small cruising yacht safely by day in tidal waters with which the student is familiar.

### **Course Syllabus**

The RYA Course Syllabus and Log Book provides a useful record of achievement as it holds your completion certificate issued by your instructor and enables you to record your sailing experience.

In your Log Book, your instructor will sign against each of the competencies listed below, when successfully completed

#### 1. Preparation for sea

Student is able to prepare a yacht for sea including engine checks, selection of sails, securing and stowage of all gear on deck and below

#### 2. Deck work

Can reef, shake out reefs and change sails. Can prepare anchor, mooring warps and take charge on deck when mooring alongside, coming to a buoy and anchoring.

#### 3. Navigation

Proficient in chartwork and routine navigational duties on passage including taking and plotting visual fixes, working a DR and EP, working out course to steer, use of GPS and waypoints, estimating tidal heights and streams, knowledge of IALA buoyage and use of echo sounder.

#### 4. Pilotage

Can prepare and execute pilotage plan into or out of a harbour including use of leading and clearing lines and use of transits.

#### 5. Meteorology

Knows sources of weather forecasts and can interpret shipping forecasts and can use a barometer as a forecasting aid

#### 6. Rules of the road

Has a working knowledge of International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea

#### 7. Maintenance and repair work

Able to carry out maintenance tasks

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## 8. Engines

Knows how to change fuel and water filters, pump impeller and to bleed fuel system

## 9. Victualling

Understands how to victual a yacht

## 10. Emergency situations

Student is able to take correct action as skipper for recovery of man overboard, understands distress flares and how to use a liferaft, can operate a radiotelephone in an emergency and send a distress message, understands how to secure a tow and understands rescue procedures including helicopter rescue

## 11. Yacht handling under power

Can bring a boat safely to and from an alongside berth, mooring buoy and anchor under various conditions of wind and tide

## 12. Yacht handling under sail

Can bring a boat safely to and from a mooring buoy and anchor under various conditions of wind and tide. Can steer and trim sails effectively on all points of sailing

## 13. Passage making

Can plan and make a coastal passage, taking account of relevant navigational hazards and limitations imposed by the type of boat and the strength of the crew

## 14. General organisation

Student is fully competent to take charge of a watch at sea and in harbour

The RYA Course Syllabus and Log Book will be available for purchase from your instructor upon your arrival on the course. The completion certificate is included in the cost of your course.