



## Practical Activities, Exams & Assessments

These activities complement our full range of RYA sailing, motor cruising and powerboating courses.

RYA G15 (Sail Cruising), G18 (Motor Cruising) and G20 (Powerboating) booklets provide more details.

Current dates and prices are available from our website [www.ambitionsailing.com](http://www.ambitionsailing.com)

Alternatively please email us on [enquiries@ambitionsailing.com](mailto:enquiries@ambitionsailing.com) or call us on 01253 853075 or 07977 459671. We will be pleased to hear from you and answer your questions.

**Please visit the website for comprehensive details of all our training, holiday and corporate activities.**

## MCA Exam Prep



### Unique Approach

RYA / MCA Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster Certificates of Competence are only awarded after a successful practical assessment at sea by independent examiners.

### Aim

The aim of the exam prep activities we provide is to ensure that your technical skills and ability to skipper a yacht<sup>1</sup> or motor cruiser<sup>2</sup> effectively exceed the standard required by the exam.

### Features

- Solent based, our unique approach includes a comprehensive exam support package initiated at point of booking.
- We remove the myths and provide “no nonsense”, personal support throughout
- We make all the exam arrangements on your behalf
- The exam will be conducted on the same vessel on which your prep has been completed, ensuring knowledge of systems and your fellow candidates!
- Our students achieve excellent results!
- Feedback from candidates AND examiners is first class

### Format

- We have dedicated programme dates for exam prep with a maximum of 4 candidates
- Usually four<sup>2</sup> or five<sup>1</sup> days of preparation prior to exam lasting one or two days depending on numbers

## Own Boat Tuition



### Bespoke activities

#### Aim

To help you enjoy the benefits of owning your own boat by

- Developing your practical skills, knowledge and confidence
- Familiarising you with a new craft or systems, equipment, locality etc

The more confident you are the more enjoyment you will have!

#### Features

- We will provide training on your own boat at any location
- The service will be provided for sailing, motor cruising or powerboating instruction by fully qualified RYA instructors
- All practical RYA courses available
- Bespoke training packages designed to your personal needs eg marina manoeuvring, confidence building, spinnaker handling, navigation systems
- Preparation and examination for RYA/MCA Coastal Skipper / Yachtmaster certificates or ICC
- Tuition provided to suit your diary!

#### Format

We will discuss your requirements and propose a bespoke solution for you and your crew.

The fee is based on number of days and students (minimum time is half day)

The service is also available for shorebased instruction. Please contact us for details.

## Cruising Instructor Assessment



Three days, Solent based

In order to teach RYA Competent Crew, Helmsman or Day Skipper practical courses, instructors must hold a Yachtmaster (Offshore) certificate with a Cruising Instructor endorsement

### Aim

A successful assessment will result in award of a Cruising Instructor endorsement for motor or sail by the RYA

### Features

- The assessment will be performed as part of an RYA practical course with 'real' students, under the guidance of the Principal or Chief Instructor.
- Feedback will be provided on a regular basis throughout

### Format

- The candidate is introduced over a two day period to a real teaching environment and will learn instructional techniques.
- A key part of the assessment is demonstrating your ability to instruct students in any part of the appropriate syllabi.
- The candidate is informed of the result at the conclusion of the activity

## Yacht Handling Under Sail & Power



Two days, Solent based

### Aim

To develop a deeper understanding of yacht handling characteristics resulting in more confidence to do the departing and arriving bits without embarrassment!

### Features

- A 'no pressure' safe environment – learn by 'doing and discussion' under the watchful eye of an RYA instructor
- You tell us which skills you want to develop
- Practise makes perfect – the opportunities to do it, do it and do it again under expert guidance are few and far between!

### Content

There is no fixed format for this activity as the emphasis may be adjusted to suit the needs of the participants. However the following are likely to be included as a minimum

- Effect of prop/keel configuration on yacht handling characteristics
- Coming alongside
- Pontoon moorings
- Reversing
- Turning in confined spaces under power
- Use of springs
- Mooring buoys and anchoring under power and sail and various combinations of wind and tide

## ICC



Two<sup>1</sup> or three days

### Aim

The aim of the course is to learn the boat handling and navigation skills necessary to qualify for an International Certificate of Competence – mandatory to skipper a Yacht, Motor Cruiser or Powerboat<sup>1</sup> in European waters.

### Features

- The course consists of a written and practical assessment
- Contains theory and practical elements enabling a beginner to gain familiarity with basic motor cruising skills.
- Join us or use your own boat

NB ICCs are issued automatically to holders of RYA Day Skipper (Sail or Motor Cruising) or Level 2 (Powerboat) certificates. We recommend you consider this alternative qualifying route

### Content

- Regulations
  - Keeping a proper lookout
  - Lights and sound signals
  - Identification and action to take in collision situations
  - Traffic Separation Schemes
- Safety & Boat Preparation
- Man overboard
- Pilotage
- Navigation