



## RYA Practical Courses

### Motor Cruising

Whether you are new to motor cruising or have years of experience, these courses will ensure you go to sea more confident and capable of handling unforeseen situations.

The courses complement our full range of RYA shorebased, and practical sailing and powerboating programmes.

RYA G18 provides comprehensive details of syllabus and guidance on experience required.

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

## Format & Benefits



- All courses are Lymington based using a fully equipped Sealine 42/5 flybridge, twin engine, shaft drive with radar and chartplotter
- Probably the best presented training vessel on the UK south coast!
- Maximum of 4 RYA students on each course
- Our fully qualified instructors are chosen for their ability to impart knowledge in a safe, fun and informative way – your feedback confirms this to be the case!
- Group bookings of four people attract a 5% discount and a minimum of two bookings enables flexibility regarding course dates
- Courses start at 0900hrs on the first full day and finish at 1600hrs on the last day
- Students sleep and eat on board the boat and will visit a variety of ports and harbours during the course
- Our prices include accommodation, breakfasts and lunches, mooring fees, diesel and gas
- With the exception of the Helmsmans course, all courses are of four days duration. The four days may be consecutive or booked as two weekends

## Helmsman



2 days

### Aim

To teach boat handling and safety within a defined area

### Features

If you just want to 'try motor cruising' this is the course for you!

Contains theory and practical elements enabling a beginner to gain familiarity with basic motor cruising skills.

No previous experience required.

### Syllabus

- Type of craft
- Engines and drives
- Engine operation and maintenance
- Safety and seamanship
- Rules of the road
  
- Boat preparation
- Boat handling
- Securing to a buoy
- Manoeuvring alongside
- Man Overboard

## Day Skipper



Four days

### Aim

Learn pilotage, navigation, seamanship and boat handling to the standard required to skipper a motor cruiser yacht safely by day in tidal waters with which the student is familiar

### Features

A first step on the 'skipping ladder'. The course introduces the student to issues facing skippers and introduces effective techniques

Students should have basic navigation knowledge and prior helmsmanship experience

Automatically entitles the holder to an International Certificate of Competence

### Syllabus

- Preparation for sea
- Boat handling
- Navigation
- Pilotage
- Meteorology
- Rules of the road
- Engines
- Emergency situations
- Night cruising

## Coastal Skipper



Four days (Exam Day 5)

### Aim

Learn skills and techniques required to skipper a motor cruiser safely on coastal and offshore passages by day and night

### Features

Concentrates on effective skippering techniques and refinement of technical ability in more challenging scenarios

Students should have theory knowledge equivalent to the Coastal Skipper / Yachtmaster theory syllabus and boat handling skills to Day Skipper standard

### Syllabus

- Passage planning
- Preparation for sea
- Pilotage
- Passage making and ability as skipper
- Radar
- Boat handling
- Adverse weather conditions
- Emergency situations

On completion, the student may choose to do the independent RYA / MCA Coastal Skipper exam. Ambition Sailing provides a comprehensive exam preparation support package.

## ICC



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 Motor Cruiser in European waters.

### Features

The course is usually three days depending on prior experience and consists of a written and practical assessment

Contains theory and practical elements enabling a beginner to gain familiarity with basic motor cruising skills.

### Syllabus

- 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

ICCs can be issued automatically to holders of RYA Day Skipper certificates.