

COURSES

The RYA powerboat courses are primarily for those using open powered craft such as RIBs and sportsboats, and also for the professional open boat skipper who is required to prove their competence or provide certification for work.

Course	Assumed knowledge	Course content	Ability after the course	Minimum duration	Minimum age
Level 1	None	Boating safety, boat handling and basic theory	A basic understanding of powerboating	1 day	8
Level 2	None	Close quarters boat handling, planing speed manoeuvres, man overboard recovery and collision regulations	Able to handle a powerboat in familiar waters by day	2 days	12
Intermediate	Boat handling to Level 2 standard. Navigation to Day Skipper shorebased standard recommended	Daytime navigation skills, passage planning, use of plotting instruments, GPS and electronic navigation	Able to navigate a powerboat on coastal passages by day	2 days	16
Advanced	Boat handling to Intermediate standard. Navigation to Coastal Skipper/ Yachtmaster™ Offshore	Skippering techniques for coastal passages including night pilotage	Able to navigate a powerboat on coastal passages by day and night	2 days	17
Safety Boat	Powerboat Level 2 certificate required	Recovery techniques for various craft and fleet management	Able to provide safety cover in a racing or training environment	2 days	16
Tender Operator	Powerboat Level 2 certificate required with coastal endorsement	Passenger safety and comfort, basic day and night pilotage, emergency situations	Able to carry out short ship to shore transfers by day and night	2 days	17



RYA training is also available for:





















Start your training with a course appropriate to your experience - you don't have to start at the beginning. Our recommended path through the courses is shown below.



Refer to the Certificates of Competence leaflet for details













Practical exam afloat

Oral exam ashore