

COASTAL SKIPPER PRACTICAL

The RYA Coastal Skipper Practical course is comprised of the practical portion of the Coastal Skipper course. We will be planning a series of coastal passages and putting them into practice, while refining items such as pilotage. The course is held over a period of 5 consecutive days on board, with daytime and night time navigation, to refine and review existing skills and to develop skills to skipper a vessel on coastal passages by day and night. This is achieved RYA principles and practices to the appropriate level of competence in areas such as: sailing of the vessel in different weather conditions, Man Over Board exercises, leadership and management of the crew, provisioning, safety on board, navigation, the diesel engine, and other situations one might encounter as a skipper of coastal passages. All this while we learn and then review general theory concepts, the International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea, communications, and terminology.

This course, as all RYA courses, is held in English. The details of the course schedule are left to the instructor to take maximum advantage of favourable weather patterns, but expect to have structured theory time daily.

Period: 5 days on board

Prerequisites for this course:

- Minimum age: 17 years
- 15 days at sea
- 300 nautical miles
- 2 days as skipper
- 8 hours of night navigation
- Intermediate sailing ability
- Navigation theory knowledge to the level of RYA Coastal Theory (which we suggest you complete prior on in combination with this course)

What is include:

- 5 days on board in shared accommodations,
- provisioning (first day plus breakfasts, the rest is up to the students to help work on skippering and victualing for the boat - please check the details),
- planned mooring fees, fuel,
- RYA certified instructor, all safety gear, didactic packets, access to all relevant reference materials, certificates

Suggested fun options after your RYA Coastal Skipper Certificate to gain experience and mileage

- Sail with friends and family along the coast, or short jaunts to closeby islands
- Regattas and other events with friends or yacht clubs or with a group
- Sail cruise vacation or a cruising school week at a higher level with us
- Charter with friends and family
- RYA Yachtmaster Coastal Prep Course
- Eventually, the RYA Yachtmaster Coastal Exam, and following...