







RYA National Powerboat Scheme

						
Course	Level 1	Level 2	Essential Navigation and Seamanship	Intermediate	Day Skipper theory	Advanced
Course Type	Practical	Practical	Shorebased	Practical	Shorebased	Practical
Suggested minimum pre-course experience	Minimum age 12	Minimum age 12	None	Minimum age 16	Some practical powerboat experience desirable	Minimum age 17
Assumed knowledge prior to course	None	None	None	Basic knowledge of Navigation and Seamanship. Power boat handling to Level 2	Basic knowledge of Navigation and seamanship	Navigation to Day Skipper shorebased & boat handling to Intermediate Level Marine VHF and First Aid certificates
Course content	Introduction to boat handling skills	boat handling and seamanship in powerboats	Introduces navigation and safety	Boat handling, coastal navigation and passage making and pilotage by day	Basic seamanship and introduction to navigation	Advanced skipping techniques, boat handling, pilotage and passage planning by day and night
Ability after course	Has experienced power boating	Has basic powerboat handling competence	Has basic knowledge of navigation and safety	Can take responsibility of a powerboat in familiar coastal waters by day	Has background knowledge to skipper a Powerboat in coastal waters by day	Can take responsibility of a powerboat on unfamiliar coastal passages by day and night
Minimum duration	1 day	2 days	6-10 hours online home study	2 days	5 days + assessment	2 days
Level	Beginner		Intermediate		Advanced	

You may enter the scheme at any level subject to experience, then progress through the courses above from left to right. However we strongly recommend starting at the beginner level.