

# RYA YACHTMASTER - THEORY COURSE

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- Advanced training for more experienced skippers building on the Day Skipper course.
- This course equips you to navigate safely on coastal and offshore passages.
- This course will take your theory knowledge to the standard required for the Yachtmaster™ Coastal and Yachtmaster™ Offshore practical exams, concentrating on advanced navigation and meteorology skills.
- As with the Day Skipper shorebased course, the RYA's specially designed chart plotter software will be used during the course to give you a realistic taste of modern electronic navigation.
- Students in the southern hemisphere can take advantage of the southern hemisphere version of our training materials, ensuring that your course is relevant to you.
- Course taught over 40 hours with 2 exam papers, taught as 3hrs/week x 13 weeks
- Course size at the NCYC is a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 12.
- Pre-requisites: RYA Day Skipper, RYA Yachtmaster™ Coastal
- This course is a pre-requisite for the RYA Yachtmaster™ Offshore Practical Course.

This teaches skippering techniques for yachtsmen and women with considerable knowledge of sailing and navigation, wanting to undertake coastal passages by day and night.

Like the Day Skipper course, this course consists of skippered passages in a variety of situations. Each trainee will skipper more challenging passages and learn more about passage planning, pilotage by day and night, boat handling, safety and emergency situations. It is a satisfying but intensive course.

You are expected to complete the Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster™ Offshore shorebased course beforehand as there is insufficient time to teach you theory during the practical course.

Accredited Coastal Skippers / Yachtmasters should be able to undertake:

- more difficult passages by day and night and handle the yacht in more demanding conditions.
- Course content includes Passage planning, Preparation for sea, Pilotage, Passage making and ability as skipper, Yacht handling under power, Yacht handling under sail, Adverse weather conditions, Emergency situations. By the end of the course you should have the knowledge, if not the experience, to become a Yachtmaster™

An RYA Yachtmaster™ Certificate of Competence is often the ultimate aim of aspiring skippers. It is a well known, highly respected qualification worldwide, proving your experience and competence as a skipper. Unlike other courses in the cruising programme, there is no formal training to complete in order to become a Yachtmaster™. Instead, provided that you have sufficient experience and sea-time, you can put yourself forward for an exam to test your skills and knowledge.

Many Yachtmaster™ candidates choose to book themselves into an RYA training centre for some tailor-made tuition to prepare them for the exam, but this is not compulsory. Yachtmaster exams can not be conducted by the Training Centre you attended or by the instructor you used. You can use the links below to book an exam. Please allow a minimum of 10 working days for an examiner to be allocated to you.



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