

RYA Yachtmaster™ Theory Course

Next RYA Yachtmaster Theory course: Saturday 07 October to Sunday 07 November 2024

Course length: 5 weeks

Price: \$1,590

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, evenings after work 17:00pm to 19:00pm

OR

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings before work 05:00 to 07:00am

- Your RYA Yachtmaster™ Certificate is often the ultimate aim of aspiring skippers.
- It is a world recognised, highly respected qualification, proving your experience and competence as a skipper of a yacht or even a commercial vessel.
- It is endorsed by both AMSA (in Australia) and the MCA (in the United Kingdom) for commercial use up to 200 tonnes and less than 24metres. One can either apply for Yachtmaster™ Sail or Yachtmaster™ Power certificates, once you have completed the respective practical examination.
- Should a candidate wish to use her or his RYA Yachtmaster™ qualification as a commercial ticket, this qualification is only possible after “face-to-face” classroom tuition.
- You must have at least 40 hours in the classroom, including Zoom, if you are seeking RYA Yachtmaster™ Offshore certification with endorsement for commercial qualifications (This is done either with AMSA or MCA with a simple email application).
- Your theory course equips you to navigate safely on coastal and offshore passages of almost any length.
- This course will take your theory knowledge to the highest world standard required for the Yachtmaster™ Coastal and Yachtmaster™ Offshore practical exams, concentrating on advanced navigation and meteorology skills, and a detailed understanding of the IRPCS.
- Students in the southern hemisphere have a southern hemisphere version of our training materials, ensuring that your theory course is relevant to you. You will also receive the Northern Hemisphere training publications to practice in both locations. Yachting Directions is the only RYA Training Centre to include this in the course structure and price, and to include in your course fee, all your publications to facilitate your learning.
- Yachting Directions RYA Yachtmaster™ Theory online course is 40 hrs minimum of face to face tuition, taught as 2.0 hrs per day from Monday to Thursday, inclusive, each week x 5 weeks. These classes are conducted over Zoom, online, from 5.00am until 7.00 am, or from 5.00pm to 7.00pm, with the recording made available later that day if you miss the live class. The recordings also facilitate easy revision before your assessment.
- The Theory Course size is a maximum of 10, occasionally the course size is 2 or 3.
- Pre-requisites: RYA Day Skipper or similar.
- This **theory** course is a pre-requisite for your RYA Yachtmaster™ Coastal Skipper **Practical** Course. Or the Yachtmaster Offshore exam Preparation Course. Some students elect to do the Coastal Skipper Practical Course and then the Yachtmaster Offshore Exam preparation course. Although this is entirely a personal decision, we recommend this combination.
- **The Syllabus:**
 - Chartwork: Chart information and symbols, position fixing, course shaping and plotting, Zones of Confidence, use of traditional instruments, Rising and Dipping Distances,
 - Pilotage, use of soundings, lights and nav aids as “signposts”
 - Passage Planning and preparation,
 - Use of almanacs and admiralty publications,
 - Electronic aids to navigation, including Radar, AIS and GPS intensive,
 - Tides & anomalies, Streams & Currents, Tidal Curves, Secondary Port Calcs, Computation of Rates,
 - Meteorology, taking and interpreting forecasts, plotting weather systems,
 - IRPCS, (Known as The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea),
 - Navigation in Restricted Visibility,
 - Customs Regulations, Flag etiquette,
 - Magnetic Compass and Gyro Compass,
 - Weather predictions using a barometer and by observations
 - Customs and excise regulations for cruising abroad
 - Diesel engine and Electric Propulsion/Advanced Battery Systems,
 - Safety at Sea, Maintenance, Stability, Radar,



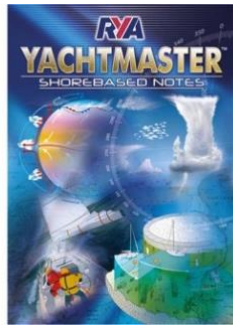
What is included? -The Yachting Directions Coastal & Offshore Yachtmaster shore-based course kit. It contains your Yachtmaster Shore-based Notes, RYA practice charts, Course Exercises, RYA Navigation Exercises for Northern Hemisphere, a soft lead pencil and eraser. **You also receive** the RYA Navigation Handbook, Weather handbook, International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea, and, Symbols and Abbreviations of Admiralty Charts and your course plotter (sometimes referred to as a Portland Plotter or Breton type plotter).

On successful completion of this course and the assessment you will receive the RYA Yachtmaster / Coastal Skipper shore-based certificate.

TEXTS AND EQUIPMENT included with your RYA Yachtmaster theory course



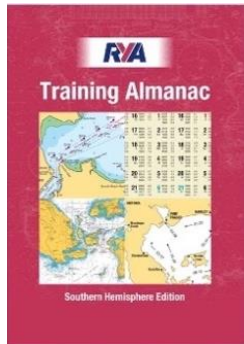
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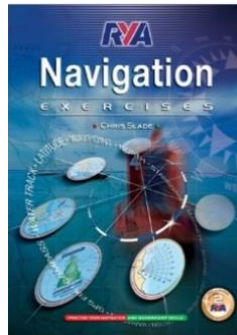
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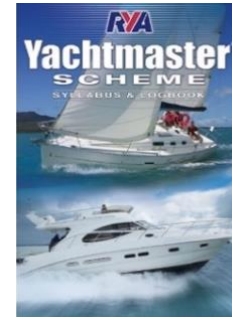
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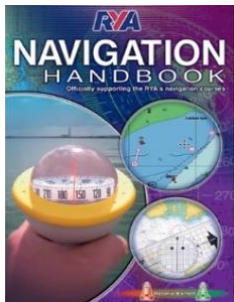
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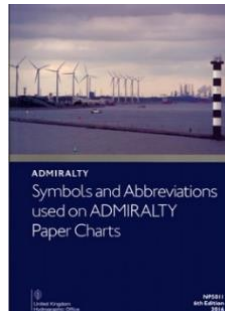
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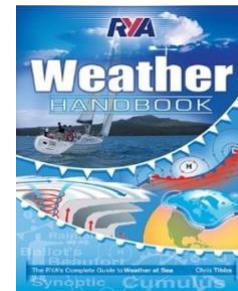
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Our RYA Yachtmaster courses are conducted over blocks of 4 days per week over 6 weeks, with a final weekend to cap off your learning and to sit the exams.



The RYA Yachtmaster™ Practical Course

Once you have completed your theory (shore-based) course, it's time for your Practical Course

• Three types of RYA Yachtmaster exist. These are **Coastal** Yachtmaster, **Offshore** Yachtmaster, and **Ocean** Yachtmaster.

1. **Coastal** Yachtmaster/ Coastal Skipper certification involves a practical course (in addition to your **theory** course).

2. The **Offshore** Yachtmaster certification does not involve a separate **practical** course....just the **theory** component. However Yachting Directions conducts an exam preparation **practical** course known as RYA Yachtmaster Exam Prep.

3. The **Ocean** Yachtmaster requires an ocean passage using celestial navigation.

• The Coastal courses teach 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™ or Offshore Yachtmaster™ **theory** course

before attempting a practical course as there isn't the time to teach you theory, onboard.

• Accredited Coastal Skippers / Yachtmasters™ should be able to undertake more difficult passages by day or

night and handle the yacht in more demanding conditions.

• Course content includes Passage planning, Preparation for sea, Pilotage, Passage making, 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 be Yachtmaster™

• Unlike other courses in the RYA Cruising Scheme, there is no formal practical training to complete, in order to

become a Yachtmaster™ Offshore. Instead, provided that you have sufficient experience/sea- time, you can

put yourself forward to test your skills / knowledge.

• Many Yachtmaster™ Offshore candidates choose to book into an RYA training centre such as Yachting

Directions, for some tailor-made tuition to prepare them for the exam, but this is not compulsory. We at Yachting Directions call this course Yachtmaster Exam Prep. It is generally a 1 to 5 day course, with most

candidates electing to take 4 days.

• RYA Yachtmaster Offshore **practical** exams or assessments cannot 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.

• RYA Yachtmaster Coastal Skipper **practical** course and exams are conducted by Yachting Directions.

• The RYA Yachtmaster Offshore and RYA Yachtmaster Coastal qualifications can be endorsed as commercial

qualifications with worldwide application. This is a straightforward administrative process requiring a nominal

fee and a medical assessment.

• <https://www.rya.org.uk/courses-training/exams/Pages/book-your-exam.aspx>



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While these seminars are a part of our Yachtmaster program, you can attend simply by registering your interest with Yachting Directions' office. They are short 30 to 45 minute seminars and are free. Dates & times will be published on our website & in our newsletters. Otherwise, simply call us for the latest seminar times.

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