RYA YACHTMASTER - THEORY & PRACTICAL COURSES

RYA Yachtmaster Theory Course January 2020

- An 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 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.
- 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.
- A commercial qualification is **not possible** with online tuition. You must have 40 hours in the classroom if you are seeking RYA Yachtmaster™ Offshore commercial qualifications.
- This theory course equips you to navigate safely on coastal and offshore passages.
- This course will take your theory knowledge to the highest world standard required for the Yachtmaster$_{TM}$ Coastal and Yachtmaster$_{TM}$ 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.
- Yachting Directions RYA Yachtmaster Theory course is 40 hrs minimum, taught as 7hrs/wk x 6 weeks**.**
- Complete your theory course on a Saturday or a Sunday 09.00am to 4.30pm, all at Lake Macquarie.
- The Theory Course size is a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 12.
- Pre-requisites: RYA Day Skipper or Coxswain.
- This theory course is a pre-requisite for your RYA Yachtmaster$_{TM}$ Coastal Skipper Practical Course. There is no RYA Yachtmaster$_{TM}$ Offshore practical course, just the 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 and tidal anomalies, Streams and Currents, Tidal Curves and Secondary Port Calculations, Computation of Rates,
    - Navigation in Restricted Visibility,
    - Customs Regulations, Flag etiquette,
    - Magnetic Compass and Gyro Compass,
    - Meteorology, taking and interpreting forecasts, plotting weather systems,
    - Weather predictions using a barometer and by observations
    - IRPCS,
    - Customs and excise regulations for cruising abroad
    - Diesel engine and Electric Propulsion/Advanced Battery Systems,
    - Safety at Sea,
    - Maintenance,
    - Stability,
    - Yacht ownership.

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What is included? - The Coastal and Offshore Yachtmaster shore-based course kit. It contains a Yachtmaster Handbook, RYA practice charts, sample exercises, practice navigation tables, a soft lead pencil and eraser.

Other RYA publications such as the Navigation handbook, Weather handbook, RYA Navigation Exercises, International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea are also included in the course price.

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

Price: $1,485

NEXT COURSE STARTS
07 February 2020

***Electric Propulsion and Battery Technology**

For those of you wanting to progress to Yachtmaster and for those who simply want the latest in cutting edge tuition, Yachting Directions is the only training centre offering lectures and classes on electric propulsion, battery technology and the software to interface these two systems with human beings.

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 websites & in our newsletters. Otherwise, simply call us for the latest seminar times.

The RYA Yachtmaster™ Practical Course

- Three types of RYA Yachtmaster exist. These are **Coastal** Yachtmaster, **Offshore** Yachtmaster, and **Ocean** Yachtmaster.
- **Coastal** Yachtmaster/ Coastal Skipper certification involves a practical course (in addition to your **theory** course). The **Offshore** Yachtmaster certification does not involve a separate course however Yachting Directions conducts an exam preparation course known as RYA Yachtmaster Exam Prep.
- Both 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™ Offshore shore-based or theory course before 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 a 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 5-day intensive.
- 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 by applying for endorsement to The Australian Maritime Safety Authourity (AMSA) and/or The Maritime Coastguard Agency in the UK (MCA). 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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TEXTS AND EQUIPMENT included with your RYA Yachtmaster theory course

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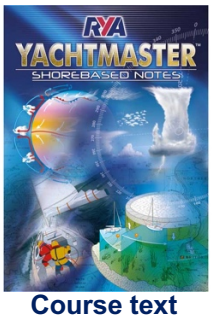

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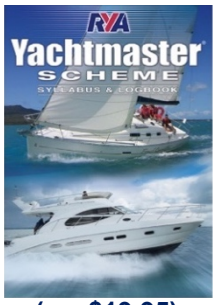

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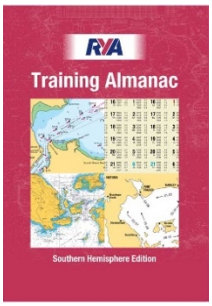

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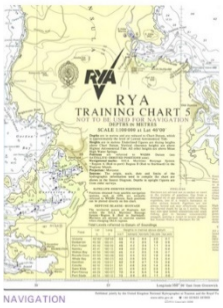

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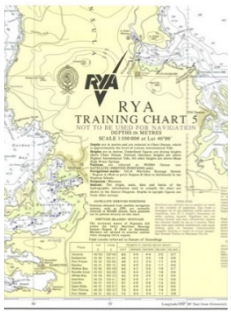

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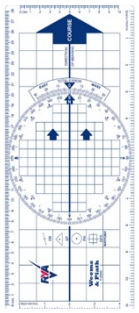

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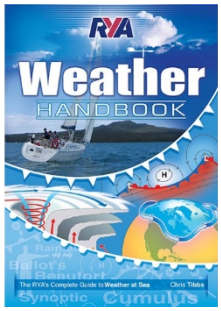

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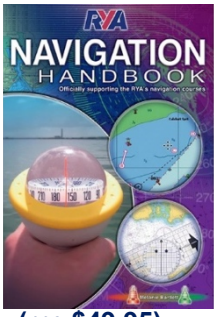

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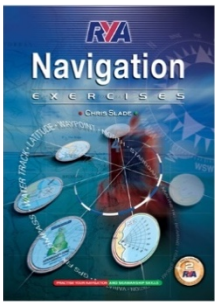

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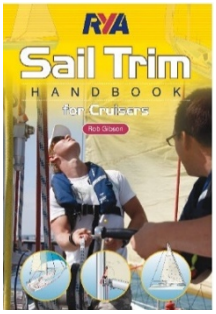
ADDITIONAL TEXTS you may find helpful



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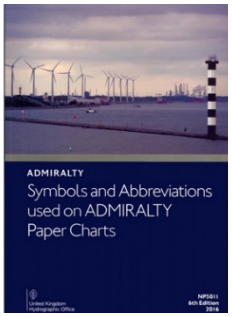

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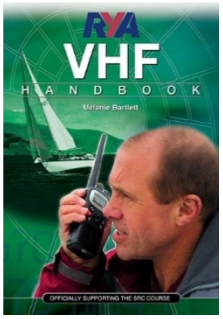

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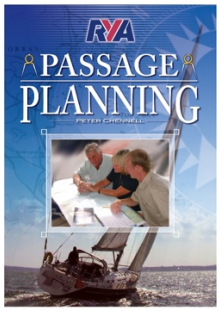

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