

Course	Assumed knowledge		Course content	Ability after the course	Min duration	Min age
Essential Navigation & Seamanship	None		Charts and publications, safety, buoyage, tides, navigation, pilotage, rules of the road, anchoring, weather forecasts, passage planning	Basic knowledge of navigation and safety	16 hours	None
Day Skipper	Some practical experience is desirable		Seamanship, coastal navigation and pilotage, chartwork, electronic charts, position fixing, plotting a course to steer, weather forecasting and meteorology, tides, collision regulations	Background knowledge to skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day	40 hours plus exam	None
Coastal Skipper/ Yachtmaster™ Offshore	Knowledge to Day Skipper shorebased standard		Position fixing, course shaping and plotting, tidal knowledge, use of almanacs and admiralty publications, electronic position finding equipment, taking and interpreting forecasts, plotting weather systems, weather predictions using a barometer	Background knowledge to skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day and night	40 hours plus exam	None
Yachtmaster™ Ocean	Navigation to Co Skipper/ YM Offshore shorebased standard. Coastal and offshore cruising experience		The earth and the celestial sphere. Practical guide to use and care of sextant at sea. Meridian altitudes. Sun, star and other sights. Ocean passage planning	Background knowledge to skipper a yacht on ocean passages	40 hours plus exam time	None
Basic Sea Survival	None	Liferafts and the equipment they contain, survival techniques, lifejackets, medical aspects of sea survival, search and rescue techniques		A good knowledge of the safety equipment carried on small boats and the techniques needed to survive at sea in heavy weather	1 day	None
Diesel Engine	None	The four stroke cycle, fuel, cooling and air systems, engine electrical systems, spares and tool requirements, winterisation and servicing		Aware of the main systems of a marine diesel engine. Able to prevent breakdown at sea and rectify defects not requiring workshop support	1 day	None
Marine Radio Short Range Certificate	None	Basics of radio operation, frequencies, distress, urgency and medical assistance procedures, making ship to shore telephone calls, Digital Selective Calling, Global Maritime Distress Safety System		Able to operate a marine radio and know the procedures required to use it	10 hours plus exam	16
Offshore Safety	None	The one day Sea Survival Course and one day of training in seamanship and emergencies including heavy weather seamanship, weather forecasting, fire fighting and man overboard recovery		An understanding of techniques for dealing with heavy weather along with skills to deal with on board damage and emergencies	2 days	None
First Aid	None	The recovery position in a confined space, CPR, including the drowning protocol, cold shock and hypothermia from immersion and/or exposure, seasickness and dehydration, medical assistance or advice by VHF, helicopter rescue		A working knowledge of first aid for people using small craft	1 day	None
Radar	None	Radar wave propagation, radar set components, target definition and discrimination, radar reflectors, types of radar display, radar plotting, navigation, range and bearing		Understand the use of radar in small boats as an aid to navigation and for collision avoidance	1 day	None
Professional Practices & Responsibilities	None	The professional maritime world, correct manning, keeping skills up to date, safe management of commercial vessels, compulsory carriage and maintenance of safety equipment, creating and implementing risk control		Understand your duty of care and legal responsibilities to crew, passengers, and other water users	Approx 8-10 hours	None
CEVNI Test	None	Rules and regulations of the European inland waterways		Able to identify signs, buoyage, sound signals, lights and shapes used on inland waterways	n/a	16
Safe and Fun	None	An introduction to safeguarding and child protection		Understand good safeguarding practice, how to recognise potential signs of abuse, how to deal with it and who to refer any concerns to	Equivalent to approx 3 hours classroom training	16

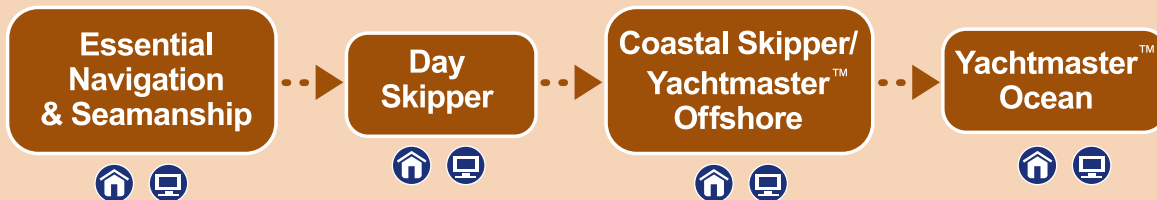
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