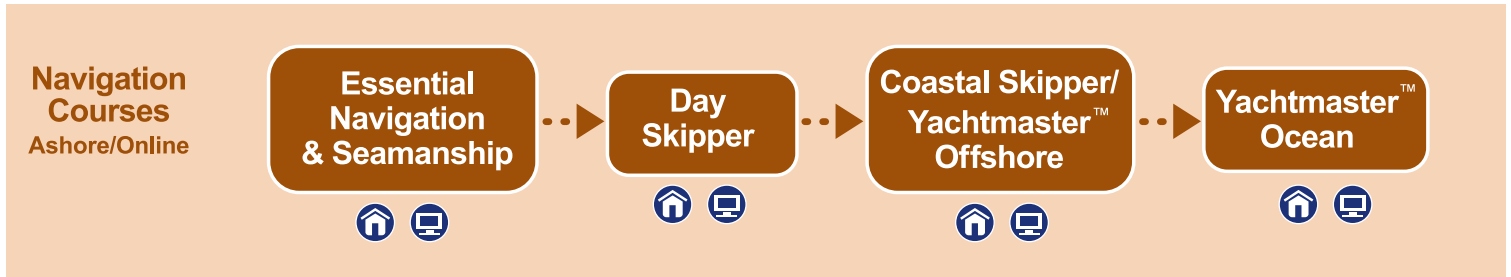


Start your training with a course appropriate to your experience - you don't have to start at the beginning. Our recommended path through the courses is shown below.



KEY

- ashore
- online
- Recommended progression.

RYA training is also available for:



| Course | Assumed knowledge | Course content | Ability after the course | Min duration | Min age |
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| 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 |
| Other Courses | | | | | |
| 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 |