

RYA Courses Overview		
Course	Pre Course Knowledge	Ability After Course
RYA Start Yachting Taster Weekend » <i>Practical</i>	None	First steps to learning to sail and becoming a knowledgeable and useful crew member
RYA Competent Crew » <i>Practical</i>	None	Knowledgeable and useful crew member
RYA Online Essential Navigation and Seamanship » <i>Online Study</i>	None	Basic introduction to navigation and safety which is aimed at users of small day boats and RIBs
RYA Day Skipper Theory » <i>Shorebased</i>	Some practical experience desirable	Theoretical knowledge of basic seamanship, navigation and meteorology
RYA Day Skipper » <i>Practical</i>	Basic knowledge of navigation to the level of the Day Skipper Theory Course and basic sailing ability. 5 Days sailing, 100 miles, 4 night hours.	Learn to sail and skipper small yachts in familiar waters by day
RYA Day Skipper Combined Theory & Practical » <i>Shorebased & Practical</i>	Some practical experience desirable	Skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day
RYA Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Theory » <i>Shorebased</i>	Practical experience desirable. Navigation to Day Skipper theory standard.	Theoretical knowledge of offshore and coastal navigation, pilotage and meteorology
RYA Coastal Skipper » <i>Practical</i>	15 Days (2 days as skipper) 300 miles, 8 night hours Navigation to Coastal/Yachtmaster theory standard, sailing to Day Skipper standard	Can begin to skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day and night
RYA Yachtmaster Coastal Prep + MCA/RYA Exam » <i>Practical</i>	30 Days (2 days as skipper) 800 miles, 12 night hours Navigation to Coastal/Yachtmaster theory standard VHF/SRC licence First Aid certificate	Has the knowledge and ability to skipper a yacht on coastal cruises but not necessarily the experience needed to undertake longer passages. Has the same theoretical knowledge as a Yachtmaster but not as much practical experience to enable him or her to perform as smoothly or consistently
RYA Yachtmaster Offshore Prep + MCA/RYA Exam » <i>Practical</i>	50 Days (5 days as skipper) 2500 miles 5 passages over 60 miles (including 2 overnight and 2 as skipper) Navigation to Coastal/Yachtmaster theory standard VHF/SRC licence First Aid certificate	A Yachtmaster is competent to skipper a cruising yacht on any passage during which the yacht is no more than 150 miles from a harbour
RYA Yachtmaster Ocean Theory » <i>Shorebased</i>	Coastal and offshore sailing Navigation to Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster theory standard	Has the theoretical knowledge of astro navigation, ocean meteorology and passage planning to undertake an ocean passage