

# RYA Practical and Shorebased Motor Cruising Scheme Courses

<b>Course</b>	 <b>Basic Navigation and Safety</b>	 <b>Helmsman's</b>	 <b>Day Skipper Shorebased *</b>	 <b>Day Skipper Practical +</b>	 <b>Coastal Skipper &amp; Yachtmaster Offshore Shorebased *</b>	 <b>Coastal Skipper Practical +</b>	 <b>Yachtmaster Ocean Shorebased</b>
<b>Suggested minimum pre-course experience</b>	None	None	None	2 days	Some practical experience 300 miles 8 night hours	15 days (2 days as skipper)	Coastal and offshore passages
<b>Assumed knowledge</b>	None	None	None	Basic navigation & helmsmanship, introduction to night cruising	Navigation to Day Skipper Shorebased standard  Practical standard	Navigation to Coastal Skipper Shorebased standard. Boat handling to Day Skipper	Navigation to Coastal Skipper & Yachtmaster Offshore Shorebased standard
<b>Course content</b>	Introduces navigation and safety	Boating safety, helmsmanship, boat handling, introduction to engine maintenance	Basic seamanship & introduction to navigation & meteorology	Pilotage, boat handling, seamanship & navigation	Offshore & coastal navigation, pilotage & meteorology	Skippering techniques for coastal & offshore passages	Astro-navigation, ocean meteorology & passage planning
<b>Ability after course</b>	Basic knowledge of navigation and safety	Competent to handle a motor cruiser of specific type in sheltered waters		Skipper a motor cruiser in familiar waters by day		Skipper a motor cruiser on coastal passages by day and night	
<b>Minimum duration</b>	16 hours	2 days		4 days		5 days	
<b>Course completion certificate</b>							

RYA one day shorebased courses: VHF radio operation, First Aid (both required for a RYA/MCA Yachtmaster qualification), Radar, Sea Survival and Diesel Engine Maintenance.

\* Syllabus is the same for sailing and motor cruising yachtsmen + Different courses for tidal and non-tidal waters