

## DAY SKIPPER PRACTICAL NON TIDAL

Duration: 6 days

This is a practical course for people aspiring to be skippers. The course covers the following:

Preparing the boat for sea.	Emergency situations
Yacht handling under power and sail	Basic maintenance & engine servicing
Deck work.	Victualling
Navigation, pilotage and passage making.	Meteorology
Rules of the road.	

The suggested pre-course minimum experience is 5 days onboard, 100 sea miles and 4 night hours. It will be assumed that students have a basic knowledge of navigation, collision regulations and sailing ability. Ideally students will have taken the RYA Day Skipper Shorebased course. If this is not possible it is suggested that students should study one of the many Day Skipper text books (e.g. 'Complete Day Skipper' - Cuncliffe) or CD ROMs (e.g. 'The Complete Course' - Longbow). In addition, studying the RYA Navigation Handbook (ref. G6) and using the RYA Navigation Exercises Handbook (ref. G7) will give students further insight into navigation. The RYA Day Skipper - Shorebased handbook (ref. DSN) is very good but it is a handbook for those who have taken the course and does not contain sufficient information to be a substitute for the course itself.

Note that the shorebased course is made up of 40 hours in a classroom and up to 20 hours of 'homework'. Students that arrive without sufficient knowledge will have difficulty completing this practical course; there simply is not enough time to cover the shorebased syllabus during the 6-day practical course.

The RYA specifies that the primary language of instruction is English. Students that do not have a good command of English will have difficulties completing the course successfully.

Successful students will be issued with a Day Skipper Practical (Non-Tidal) course completion certificate.