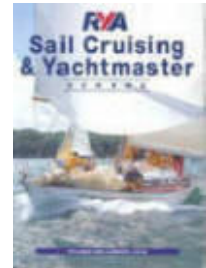


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## RYA COASTAL SKIPPER (NON-TIDAL) PRACTICAL SYLLABUS

The following is a copy of the syllabus for the Coastal Skipper (Non-Tidal) practical course as detailed in the RYA Sail Cruising & Yachtmaster Scheme Syllabus and Logbook (G15).

To complete the course successfully the instructor must “sign off” all the items of the syllabus. Successful students are presented with a course completion certificate.



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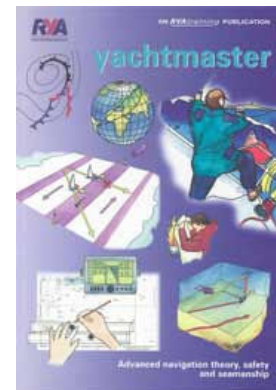
**Suggested minimum pre-course experience:** 15 days sea time (2 days as skipper)  
300 miles  
8 night hours

**Assumed knowledge:** Navigation to Coastal Skipper Shorebased standard. Sailing to Day Skipper Practical standard.

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The aim of this course is to teach the skills and techniques required to skipper a cruising yacht (7 – 15m LOA) safely on coastal passages by day and night within any part of the Mediterranean or Baltic Sea.

The minimum age for award of certificate is 17.



### 1. Passage planning

- ❖ Can plan a coastal passage including a consideration of the capability of the yacht, navigation, victualling, weather, ports of refuge, publications required and strategy.
- ❖ Know customs procedures.

### 2. Preparation for sea

- ❖ Is aware of safety equipment required for offshore passages.
- ❖ Can prepare a yacht for sea including stowage, safety brief, watch keeping, delegating responsibilities and equipment and engine checks.

### 3. Pilotage

- ❖ Can prepare a pilotage plan, with consideration of soundings, transits, clearing bearings, buoyage, port or harbour regulations.
- ❖ Can pilot a yacht by day and night.

### 4. Passage making and ability as skipper

- ❖ Can take charge of a yacht and direct the crew.
- ❖ Can organise the navigation, deckwork and domestic duties of a yacht on passage.
- ❖ Is aware of the significance of meteorological trends.
- ❖ Is aware of crew welfare on passage.
- ❖ Can use electronic navigational equipment for planning and undertaking a passage, including the use of waypoints and routes.

### 5. Yacht handling under power

- ❖ Can control the yacht effectively in a confined space.
- ❖ Can carry out all berthing and unberthing situations.

### 6. Yacht handling under sail

- ❖ Can use the sails to control the yacht in a confined space.
- ❖ Can anchor and moor under sail.
- ❖ Can sail effectively on all points of sail.

### 7. Adverse weather conditions

- ❖ Preparation for heavy weather and yacht handling in strong winds.
- ❖ Navigation and general conduct in restricted visibility.

### 8. Emergency situations

- ❖ Recover a man overboard under power and sail.
- ❖ Understands the action to be taken when abandoning to the liferaft and during helicopter and lifeboat rescues.