

Scammonden Water Sailing Club Powerboat Level 2 course.

Course Background

The RYA Powerboat Level 2 is a 2 day practical course aiming to give you the experience and confidence to handle a power boat in 'familiar waters' during the day. The Level 2 Certificate also lets you obtain the 'ICC' - (The International Certificate of Competence often needed if you want to drive or hire a powerboat abroad) by applying to the RYA. We operate a ratio of 3 students to 1 instructor Over the 2 days we look at:

Launching and Recovering

Launching and recovering a boat from and onto a trailer using slipways. We look how we need to set up the boat prior to launching and potential problems that could arise. We show you how to recover a boat on to a trailer by both driving the boat on and winching the boat on - again we look at potential problems

Preparation of boat

What do we need on the boat before we go to on the water. We check equipment like lines, fenders, anchor and warp, bailers, fire extinguisher, engine spares and tools, pump, paddles and oars, compass, flares, torch, whistle, charts, first aid kit; is the fuel tank full, do we have a spare full fuel container, does the radio work, is the GPS working.

Boat handling

Boat handling while under way - Steer then Gear, high speed manoeuvres; trimming the engine correctly, planning, S turns, U turns, The Emergency Stop, Man over board and the J turn. Slow manoeuvres - coming along side and parking the boat against a wall, jetty, pier and pontoon. Parking the boat in a marina, reversing, picking up a buoy and how winds and tides affect the slow manoeuvres. We spend some time looking at how we deal with potential emergencies.

Shore Based

We spend some time looking at and understanding Charts and Compasses, we plan a passage, get a basic understanding of the Buoyage system, learn about tides and tidal streams and basic VHF radio handling.

What you will need

On the first day, we would ask if you can arrive at the club by around 9:30am with a view to starting the course from 9:45am.

Our Instructors will provide you with a safety briefing and explain the course content on the morning of the course. We will be ordering and providing you with course work book and certificates on the day.

In order to issue you with your certificate, please note we will require a passport photo to be affixed to the card, please bring this with you on the second day of the course.

We recommend that you bring the following with you on each day of the course:

- Clothing suitable for the Weather Conditions (a wet suit is not recommended for this course)
- Dry, sturdy boots or trainers;
- Spare clothes – especially dry socks to change into if needed;
- A buoyancy Aid – please note, we can provide these if you do not have one;
- Lunch and drinks for each day (water and tea/coffee is provided);
- Passport Photo (see above);
- Pens and paper.

Whilst I am sure we will endeavour to keep you dry throughout the course, the weather forecast may have other ideas, so please check before the course and bring the right clothing to suit the conditions!

If you have any further questions between now and the date of the course, please do not hesitate to contact the key contact for the course on the below details.

Key Contacts

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