

RYA Coastal Skipper - Tidal

Advanced skippering techniques for yachtsmen and women with considerable knowledge of sailing and navigation, wanting to undertake coastal passages by day and night.

Course Objective:	To teach the skills & techniques required to skipper a cruising yacht safely on coastal & offshore passages by day & night
Pre-course Experience:	15 days, 2 days as skipper, 300 miles, 8 night hours
Assumed Knowledge:	Boat handling to the standard of Day Skipper and navigation to shorebased Coastal
Course Content:	Passage planning, Preparation for sea, Pilotage, Passage making and ability as skipper, Yacht handling under power, Yacht handling under sail, Adverse weather conditions, Emergency situations
Ability after course:	Able to skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day and night
Minimum Duration:	5 days, 3 weekends or 3 days plus 2 days
Minimum Age:	17
Next Steps:	Yachtmaster Coastal / Offshore Exam

Coastal Skipper - Tidal Syllabus

Passage Planning

- ★ Can plan a coastal passage including a consideration of the capability of the yacht, navigation, victualling, weather, ports of refuge, tidal heights and tidal streams, publications required and strategy
- ★ Knows Customs procedures

Preparation for Sea

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

Pilotage

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

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 understanding a passage, including the use of waypoints and routes

Yacht handling under power

- ★ Can control the yacht effectively in a confined space under power
- ★ All berthing and unberthing situations in various conditions of wind and tide



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Yacht handling under sail

- ★ Can use the sails to control the yacht in a confined space
- ★ Anchoring and mooring in various conditions of wind and tide
- ★ Can sail efficiently on all points of sailing

Adverse Weather Conditions

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

Emergency Situations

- ★ Recovery of man overboard under power and sail
- ★ Understands action to be taken when abandoning to the liferaft and during helicopter and lifeboat rescues