



Course Information: Advanced Powerboat MCA



RYA Powerboat courses are run using one of our RIBs. You will normally be asked to join us at 10:00 on pontoon 2 in our base marina Marina de Sur, Las Galletas. Occasionally we may ask you to join us elsewhere – if so full instructions will be given.

This is very much a hands-on course. You will spend some time in our purpose built classroom learning navigation and passage planning, but all the equipment (pens, pencils etc) will be provided. You may, however, find a notebook useful if you wish to keep a record of what is taught.

Powerboat Course Summary	
Max client / instructor ratio	3 : 1
Pre-course experience	Two years relevant experience including night pilotage. As a guide 30 days with 2 days as skipper, 800 miles and 12 night hours. If you hold an Advanced Powerboat certificate this is reduced to 20 days with 2 as skipper, 400 miles and 12 night hours. You are also required to hold a first aid and VHF operators licence.
Assumed Knowledge	Knowledge to the level of RYA Day Skipper Shorebased navigation course completion certificate, VHF (SRC) operators licence, current First Aid certificate.
Course content	The RYA/MCA Advanced Powerboat exam is a practical test of skippering ability by day and night in the type of craft applicable to the National Powerboat Scheme.
Ability after course	To confidently handle a planning vessel to the standard expected by the MCA exam.
Minimum duration	The preparation course is 1.5 days long and can be followed by the exam which is a further 1.5 days long.

What do you need to bring?

We suggest that you wear shorts and a t-shirt. In the winter months the temperature is about 25 degrees during the day, but drops to about 18 degrees at night. Due to the sea breeze you may wish to bring a sweatshirt or cardigan. Footwear can be either bare feet or non-marking soled shoes (trainers are fine).

As most of this course is in the sun please bring plenty of high-factor sun-cream and also bottled water. If you forget either of these ask your Instructor who can take you to our shop.

We supply:

- ⇒ The loan of an oilskin jacket
- ⇒ Powerboat handbook
- ⇒ Powerboat Log Book
- ⇒ All fuel and mooring fees

We suggest that you either bring sandwiches for lunch or about €7.50 for lunch and a cold drink.