



Course Information: Day Skipper Practical



RYA Day Skipper courses can be taken in either sail or motor yachts, and in tidal or non-tidal waters. Due to our location all our courses are tidal, and your certificate will be endorsed accordingly.

This is very much a hands-on course with little time to teach navigation or other theoretical subjects. It is therefore recommended that you take the RYA Day Skipper Theory course prior to your practical course so you can put those skills into practice on the water. If you wish you can join us for a two week Combined course which covers both the theoretical and practical aspects of the Day Skipper course.

If you need a Day Skipper certificate in order to work on board a commercial craft subject the MCA's codes of practice. You can then work on commercial vessels up to 24m in length, operating in category 5 and 6 waters - that is up to 20 miles from a nominated departure point in fine weather and daylight.

Please note:

If you will be working in **category 5** waters, you will need to hold both the theory and practical Day Skipper certificates, and get them commercially endorsed.

If you hold a **non-tidal** Day Skipper certificate and want to work in **category 6** waters, you will also need to hold the Day Skipper Theory certificate.

Day Skipper course summary (sail)	
Max client / instructor ratio	4 : 1 (note: if a group of clients wish to take the complete yacht for sole use we are licensed to teach up to 5 clients)
Pre-course experience	5 days, 100 miles, 4 night hours on board a sailing yacht
Assumed Knowledge	Basic navigation and helmsmanship. It is recommended that you attend the Day Skipper shorebased course before taking this practical course
Course content	Pilotage, boat handling, seamanship and navigation
Ability after course	Can skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day
Minimum duration	5 days (our courses are 6 days long)

Converting Day Skipper Practical (non-tidal) to Day Skipper Practical (Tidal)

If you hold a non-tidal Day Skipper certificate, you may convert to a tidal certificate by completing a conversion course of approximately two days (possibly more for those inexperienced in tidal waters). As our courses are six days long you should therefore expect to be able to sign off some of the Coastal Skipper Practical course during your week if you have the appropriate knowledge of theory.