

Powerboat Course Joining Instructions

**Marine Matters
Unit 4 Stone Pier Boatyard
Shore Road
Warsash
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Travel

Our classroom is easy to reach by car or train and the directions below should help you find us. Travelling by taxi from the train station or by car from the M27 should take about 10 minutes.

By Car

GPS postcode: SO31 9FR, unit 4 or Rising Sun Pub

- Leave the M27 at Junction 9 (Segensworth), if approaching from Portsmouth/Fareham take the first left, if approaching from the M3/Southampton take the third exit, right.
- Join the right hand lane on the approach to the next roundabout where you should follow the road markings for the A27 and take the fifth exit, right. Follow the brown signs for the River Hamble.
- Go straight across the next mini roundabout (with the main flow of traffic) and take the second exit, straight on. Kams Palace Chinese restaurant will be on the left.
- At the next roundabout take the first left onto Brook Lane. Follow this to the next roundabout where you need the third exit, still Brook Lane.
- This road will take you all the way to Warsash where you will find your final roundabout! Turn right here onto Shore Road. Follow the one way system down the hill where you will find a free car park on the corner. Stone Pier Boatyard can be found on the right as you exit the car park. The yard has blue gates and fencing; go through the gate and walked towards the water our office is on the right.

By Train

The nearest train station is Bursledon, which is on the branch line between Portsmouth & Southampton. From the train station you will be able to get a taxi from the rank outside.

Clothing and Sun Protection

All students are required to wear non marking flat footwear. Deck shoes are ideal as they are specifically designed to be non slip on shiny boat surfaces; however non marking training shoes will suffice.

Even on hot sunny days life on the water can be cooler than on dry land. With this in mind it is inadvisable to attend the course in only shorts and T-shirts. We advise all students to ensure that they have long trousers, a jumper, a hat and a windproof jacket. If there is a problem with warm jackets we can provide you with a Marine Matters jacket or wet weather clothing for the duration of the course if you warn us in advance.

The suns power on the water is intensified by the reflective surfaces around you. We advise all students to wear a higher factor sunscreen than you would normally.

If you suffer from sunburn or dehydration you will tire easily and find it difficult to concentrate as well as being uncomfortable. All these factors will mean that you will get less enjoyment and benefit from your course.

What to bring with you

Your instructor will take you through everything that is required for the course on the day. The course is mainly practical so your instructor will conduct most of it on our school RIB and using the classroom for refreshments and some theory. However, you should bring with you any books that we have sent you prior to the course. If you have not received anything in the post, possibly because of late booking, we will provide everything you need on the day.

If you have anything that is relevant to the course that you would like to bring with you to either learn how to use or discuss with the instructor and other students please feel free to do so.

Lunch

Tea and coffee is provided whilst in the classroom, but you will need to bring your lunch. For your lunch you may wish to visit a local pub (your instructor will be well qualified to assist with this!) or you may prefer to bring your own picnic to enjoy alfresco.

Pre course preparation

Although the course can be taught to complete novices a little prior knowledge will make it easier for you.

Any books you receive in the post are well worth reading. However, if you are struggling to understand something just leave it until the course when your instructor can teach you the best method.

Local Accommodation

Sunnyside B&B, 01489 573910

This family owned and run B&B is about 2 miles from our RIB jetty, but is very popular with our clients. You will get good food in the morning and a good level of customer service.

Room rates vary depending on accommodation but are £35.00 - £40.00 for single occupancy and £50.00 - £60.00 for two occupants. For more information see

www.sunnyside-bb.co.uk

Norman House B&B, 01489 576458

This family owned and run B&B is about 200m from the marina and Dark Angels berth. You will get good food in the morning and a good level of customer service. Room rates vary depending on rooms but are £35.00 for single occupant in a double room and £50.00 for two occupants or for a twin room £35.00 for a single occupant and £55.00 for two occupants.

For more information see www.280normanhouse.co.uk

The Solent Hotel, 01489 880000

For those that wish to make more of a luxury break of your course you can try the Solent Hotel and Spa at Junction 9 of the M27. Prices range from £66.00 - £95.00 per night depending on the time of year and if you want B & B only or dinner included. For more information see www.solenthotel.com

If you have any problems finding us, or any other queries, do not hesitate to contact us at info@marine-matters.co.uk or call on 01489 579 589. Our phone number will redirect to the duty mobile out of hours at no extra cost to you.