

RYA Motor Cruising Course Joining Instructions

Course type	RYA Motor Cruising Practical Training
Course duration	Helmsman 2 days, Day Skipper 4 days, Yachtmaster 6 days (includes exam)
Course start	0930 on first day
Course finish	1700 on last day

Travel By Car

All our RYA motor cruising courses start from our office at Unit 4, Stone Pier Yard, Shore Road, Warsash, SO31 9FR

GPS Postcode: SO31 9FR or search for us on Google maps

Exit the M27 at junction 9 and at the roundabout and take the first left. Move to the right lane and at the next roundabout follow signs for A27 west, you will also see brown signs for River Hamble, take the 5th exit. Stay in the left lane and go straight on at the next roundabout, and again at the next one (by Kams Palace and the BP garage). At the next roundabout (by ESSO garage) turn left onto Brook Lane. At the next roundabout take the third exit, still on Brook Lane, and stay on this road until the next roundabout, in Warsash. Take the third exit right and follow the road down the hill. At the hairpin bend at the bottom of this road is a free car park and our office is on the other half of the corner through the blue gate

Travel By Train

The nearest train station to the office is Swanwick. Trains run 2 or 3 times an hour through Swanwick station. After alighting from the train you can get a taxi from the rank outside and be at the office is less than 10 minutes.

Arriving at the marina

On arrival at the Marina you can meet your instructor at the marina office and he will take you to our training vessel and help you get settled in prior to the course.

Specific Requirements for Yachtmaster Exam Candidate

Candidates attending a Yachtmaster Coastal & Offshore exam preparation week must hold RYA VHF (or higher) and a valid first aid certificate (valid for 3 years) before taking the exam; the examiner will need to sight these certificates. You will also need a passport photograph to give to the examiner with your exam fee. Exam fees will only be accepted as credit card details or cheques made payable to "RYA", no cash will be accepted.

Clothing and Sun Protection Advice

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 training shoes will suffice.

Even on hot sunny days life on the water can be cooler than on dry land. While the wearing of shorts and T-shirts is encouraged it is prudent to also bring with you long trousers, a jumper, and a windproof jacket.

The suns power on the water is intensified by the reflective surfaces around you. We recommend you wear a higher factor sunscreen than normal and wear a hat for maximum protection.

We will have a plentiful supply of cold drinks and water on board. It is advisable to drink more than you would normally as the suns effect appears reduced due to the cooling effect of the wind caused by the boats movement.

In cold weather many thin layers will keep you much warmer than a couple of thick layers, we will keep the supply of hot drinks coming so you can keep warm; there's always the heated saloon too!

If you suffer from sunburn, dehydration or the cold you will tire easily, be uncomfortable and may derive less enjoyment and benefit from your training.

For Day Skipper and Yachtmaster Prep please bring a passport sized photo with you on the course for your RYA certificate.

Accommodation

While attending a course with Marine Matters you are welcome to stay onboard our school boat when attending Motor Cruising courses. If staying on board, bed linen and towels are provided for the duration of your course.

Alternatively you may wish to stay ashore at a local B&B or Hotel. Below is a short list of local places to stay; a web search will provide many more.

The Brambles B&B

07804 703434

pam.g987@hotmail.com

Within 15 min walk

Hamble Retreat

01489 572315

info@hambleretreat.co.uk

Within 7-10 min walk

The Laurels Bed & Breakfast

01489 557702

thelaurels@accommodationwarsash.co.uk

15 min walk

Premier Inn, Park Gate (J9 of M27)

0871 527 8396

www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/FARTGI/fareham

The Solent Hotel

01489 880000

For those that wish to have more of a luxury break you can try the Solent Hotel and Spa at Junction 9 of the M27.

www.solenthotel.com

If you have any difficulty with any of your arrival times or directions above call our office on 01489 579 589. If you call us out of hours your call may be forwarded to the duty mobile at no extra cost to you.