

RYA Powerboat Course Joining Instructions

Course type	RYA Powerboat Practical Training
Course duration	PB1 is a one day course PB2, Superyacht Tender Operators, Intermediate PB, AdvPB & AdvPB Instructor are all two day courses Powerboat Instructor is a three day course
Course start	0930 on first day (0900 for Instructor Courses)
Course finish	1700 on last day (1800 for Instructor Courses)

Travel By Car

All our RYA Powerboat 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 Office

Your instructor will be at the office to welcome you to the course and ensure you have the correct clothing and issue your life jacket. Our training RIB, Polaris, is berthed on the marina here at Stone Pier at the head of the River Hamble, ensuring that you have maximum time afloat.

Specific Requirements for Superyacht Tender Courses

Night time work will be required on the first day of the course therefore expect a later finish; the timings for night work will be governed by the light levels on the day of the course. It is recognised that for most students this may be the first experience of operation in dark hours, consequently up to 2 hours night exercises should be expected.

Although we will provide wet weather gear free of charge students should consider the prevailing conditions for the time of year and bring appropriate warm clothing. The best advice is more rather than less - cold and miserable students don't learn much!

Specific Requirements for Advanced Powerboat Exam Candidate

Candidates wishing to take an Advanced Powerboat exam 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.

Please note this course contains a night work element on day one, the timings for this will be governed by the light levels on the day of the course.

Specific Requirement for Candidates Attending Instructor Training Courses

Instructor courses start times may vary after day one, you should assume that you will be with us from 0900 – 1800 each day. Night time work will be required on the first day of the Advanced Powerboat Instructor course therefore expect a later finish; the timings for night work will be governed by the light levels on the day of the course.

Any pre course work you are set should be completed and given to the Powerboat Trainer on the first day of the course.

Lunch

Tea and coffee is provided whilst in the classroom, but you will need to provide your own lunch. You may wish to take lunch at one of the many eateries or watering holes around The Solent, alternatively you may wish to bring your own picnic to enjoy alfresco either on board or ashore. Your instructor will be able to help and advice so that the best option is achieved for the group.

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.

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 speed of the boat.

In cold weather many thin layers will keep you much warmer than a couple of thick layers.

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

Pre course preparation

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

Any books or Pre course preparation (Instructor Courses only) 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.

Accommodation

Below is a short list of local places to stay; a web search will provide many more.

For current prices it is advisable to check directly with the provider, however prices start at approx £50/night.

The Laurels B&B 01489 557702

This family owned and run B&B is about 10 min walk from our office at Stone Pier Yard.

The Old Lodge B&B 01489 572336

This family owned and run B&B is less than 10 min walk from our office at Stone Pier Yard.

www.theoldlodgewarsash.com

Premier Inn, Park Gate (J9 of M27), 0871 527 8396

This well-known brand does what it says on the tin!

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

The Solent Hotel, 01489 880000

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