

Duration: 7 days (Sunday to Sunday), 5 day preparation and 2 day exam weekend

Previous Experience Required: 30 days aboard, 2 days as skipper, 800 miles logged, 12 night hours (Half the qualifying seetime must have been conducted in tidal waters). VHF operators certificate, valid first aid certificate, check to see which certificates are accepted [here](#)

and which ones are not

[here](#)

. If an RYA Coastal Skipper completion certificate is held only 400 miles required

Course Overview: Preparation and brush up for the RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competence. Revision of advanced skippering techniques, close quarters handling under power and sail, navigation and pilotage by day and night, man overboard recovery and overall yacht management skills

[Click here to view exam syllabus](#)

Cost: 7 Days £660 + Exam Fee (£181)

The RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competence examination is the next natural step for those who have completed the RYA Coastal Skipper course and have completed some coastal sailing since in order to put the lessons learnt into practice. The holder of an RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competence has the knowledge needed to to skipper a yacht on coastal passages, but does not necessarily have the experience needed to undertake longer offshore passages. The theory knowledge required for the RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal Certificate of Competence is the same as that for Yachtmaster Offshore, but less practical experience and skill is required.

Early in the week your experienced instructor will give you an honest appraisal of your chances of success and will then address any weaknesses that may have been highlighted. During the course you will take command of the yacht on short passages in the Solent by day and night and practice lots of close quarters boat handling techniques under sail and power. The instructor will tailor the course to your specific needs however our experience leads us to emphasize the following subjects: passage planning, man overboard recovery, close quarters handling under sail and power, skippering techniques, navigation in restricted visibility, pilotage and knowledge of the International Collision Regulations. Before joining the course, students should have the pre-requisite experience outlined above, navigation theory to the level of the RYA Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster theory course and a thorough knowledge of the Collision Regulations.

At the end of the week your instructor will give you a debrief and leave you feeling relaxed and confident in your ability to take the examination should you feel ready to do so.

