

Duration: 2 days

Previous Experience Required: None

Cost: £300

This two day weather course is for any yachtsman who would like to expand their knowledge on a complex subject made simple by the marine met expert Chris Tibbs. If you are a budding skipper or an experienced sailor this course will build on your understanding and help you improve your forecasting skills, whether you are sailing in the Solent, crossing the Atlantic or sailing around the world.

Weather topics covered

- Principals of Meteorology and what we understand by weather
- Global circulation
- Air mass and weather systems (highs and lows)
- Weather forecasts and what they tell us and what they dont!
- Wind, isobars and clouds
- Weather dangers
- Tropical weather
- Ocean weather - with particular emphasis on Trans Atlantic passages and around the world on the trade wind route
- Coastal weather
- Grib files and other sources of forecasts once away from land
- Ocean currents
- Weather routing

About your instructor - Chris Tibbs

Chris is the author of the RYA Weather Handbook, he also holds MSc Applied Meteorology. He has worked with Volvo, Olympic and round the world race teams. Chirs is the meteorologist for the ARC, World ARC, and Oyster World Rally. He has sailed over 250,000 miles including 3 round the world races and has been the navigator/weather router for 6 world speed records.

Itinerary: 0900 until approximately 1700

Supporting Books: [Buy RYA Weather Handbook- Northern Hemisphere at the RYA Shop](#)

Course Dates and Online Booking

Telephone Bookings or Enquiries 023 8045 2668

Read what one of the participants said about the course in March.

"A whole weekend on weather - really? Oh yeah you better believe it - it was fantastic. Chris Tibbs turned the theory into practical spanning how to understand the local conditions while out sailing, how to think about racing strategies round the cans in the Solent, or how to prepare for the ARC. Just seeing someone that experienced distill down the core principles into simple explanations & then get delightfully side tracked onto tales of misadventure gave us an insight into the life he's led & the fun we could have applying the weather to our time out on the water - be it near or far. A word of warning though - don't get too distracted by the clouds driving home afterwards!"

Pauline, Berkshire.

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