



Coastal Skipper (Motor Cruising)

Course Outline

This is a practical course at sea that will equip you to skipper a yacht on coastal passages by day or night. The emphasis is on raising your boat handling, sailing, pilotage, navigation, passage planning and crew leadership skills so that you have the confidence to be in charge in a wider range of circumstances. You will train and live aboard the yacht with the instructor and up to 3 other students. You will spend at least 3 nights away from base in different harbours or anchorages and you will experience night sailing and practice radar pilotage. If you wish you can go on to take the independent examination for and gain the RYA/MCA Yachtmaster (Coastal) Certificate of Competence.

Format Options

- 5 days aboard a motor yacht. 0900 Day 1 to 1600 Day 5

Location

Chatham Marina, Kent

Required Previous Experience or Knowledge

[Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster](#) Shorebased course or full knowledge of the subject. At least Day Skipper level practical competence. Minimum 15 days at sea, 300 miles and 8 night hours logged. [VHF Licence](#) and [First Aid Certificate](#) (required for exam).

Age

Minimum age for issue of certificate is 17 years.

What's Included

The price includes tuition, all operating expenses, fuel, lunch every day, breakfast when staying overnight and coffee/tea/water etc. There is a berth aboard if you wish. When you stay aboard dinner is taken ashore at individual expense. Wet weather clothing hire (jackets and trousers) is available at £10 for the course. There are no other essential extras but you may want to buy one or two books (see below) and bring a little pocket money for use if you go ashore.

What will I need to bring?

The only specialist requirement is a sleeping bag when staying aboard overnight and some suitable footwear – deck shoes (trainers will do) and in case of rain we recommend sea boots. Further information is provided in the suggested packing list – see below under Downloads. Finally, you will need to bring a passport photo for inclusion in your certificate.

Books

There is no essential pre-course reading but we recommend the following books prior to or during the course:

- Yachtmaster for Sail and Power (Alison Noice) (about £20)

This is available on line from the RYA website or from our reception at Chatham Marina

Downloads

- [Recommended Packing List](#)
- [Directions to Elite Sailing at Chatham Marina](#)

Achievement (certificate awarded and ability after the course)

Competence to skipper a motor yacht in any coastal waters by day or night.

Next Steps

Gain experience as a skipper and work towards the RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal or Offshore examination.

