



Course Information: Day Skipper Practical (Motor Cruising)



RYA Day Skipper courses can be taken in either sail or motor yachts, and in tidal or non-tidal waters. Due to our location all our courses are tidal, and your certificate will be endorsed accordingly.

The **Day Skipper (Motor)** is the most popular of the Motor Yacht courses. During the course you will spend two nights at other marinas exploring the beautiful areas of the Canaries away from the beaten track. You will gain some night cruising experience whilst experiencing entering and leaving different harbours. During the course there is plenty of time for the all important boat handling to ensure that you feel comfortable handling the motor yacht.

This course is very much a hands-on course with little time to teach navigation or other theoretical subjects. It is therefore recommended that you take the [RYA Day Skipper Theory](#) course prior to your practical course so you can put those skills into practice on the water. If you wish you can join us for a two week Combined course which covers both the theoretical and practical aspects of the Day Skipper course. An alternative option is to complete your Day Skipper Theory course by self study or correspondence course – ask us for more details.

Day Skipper course summary (Motor Yacht)	
Max client / instructor ratio	4 : 1 (note: if a group of clients wish to take the complete yacht for sole use we are licensed to teach up to 5 clients)
Pre-course experience	2 days and had an introduction to night cruising on a Motor Yacht (i.e. Helmsman course)
Assumed Knowledge	Basic navigation and helmsmanship. It is recommended that you attend the Day Skipper shorebased course before taking this practical course
Course content	Pilotage, boat handling, seamanship and navigation
Ability after course	Can skipper a motor yacht in familiar waters by day
Course duration	4 days

At the end of the course you can apply for your International Certificate of Competence (ask your Instructor for more details).

Converting Day Skipper Practical (non-tidal) to Day Skipper Practical (Tidal)

If you hold a non-tidal Day Skipper certificate, you may convert to a tidal certificate by completing a conversion course of approximately two days (possibly more for those inexperienced in tidal waters).