



# Course Information: Day Skipper Practical



**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.

This 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.

You can use a Day Skipper certificate in order to work on board a commercial craft subject the MCA's codes of practice, and up to 24m in length, and up to 20 miles from a nominated departure point in fine weather and daylight. To do this you will also need First Aid, VHF (SRC), Sea Survival and a current medical (either ENG1 or ML5). We run all the one day courses and can arrange for you to complete them while you are with us.

Day Skipper course summary (sail)	
<b>Max client / instructor ratio</b>	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)
<b>Pre-course experience</b>	5 days, 100 miles, 4 night hours on board a sailing yacht
<b>Assumed Knowledge</b>	Basic navigation and helmsmanship. It is recommended that you attend the Day Skipper shorebased course before taking this practical course
<b>Course content</b>	Pilotage, boat handling, seamanship and navigation
<b>Ability after course</b>	Can skipper a small yacht in familiar waters by day
<b>Course duration</b>	6 full days (note: As the RYA suggests a minimum of 5 days it gives us extra time to consolidate your knowledge)

## 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). As our courses are six days long you should therefore expect to be able to sign off some of the Coastal Skipper Practical course during your week if you have the appropriate knowledge of theory.