

RYA Dayskipper Practical Course

Following on from the Dayskipper theory course, we practice pilotage, navigation, seamanship and boat handling to the standard required to skipper a small cruising yacht safely by day in familiar waters.

Syllabus

1. Preps for sea including engine checks, sail selection, securing the vessel.
2. Deck work - reefing and sail plan, taking charge on deck when preparing to anchor / weigh anchor, picking up / slipping from a mooring buoy, coming into / departing an alongside berth.
3. Navigation including fixes, electronic equipment, use of waypoints, working out a course to steer, dead reckoning and estimated position, buoyage, nav records, tidal heights and streams.
4. Pilotage – preparing and executing a pilotage plan to enter or leave harbour.
5. Meteorology- practical use of forecasting
6. Rules of the road – Student needs a good understanding of COLREGS etc
7. Maintenance and repair and engine systems.
8. Provisioning the yacht for a passage.
9. Emergency situations - Taking the correct action for a MOB, distress calls, towing and helicopter rescue.
10. Yacht handling under power and sail
11. How to plan and make a short passage and experiencing sailing cruising at night.