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Flexible Training Packages

Complete Fast Track

- Beginner to Yachtmaster Offshore
- or just a Yachtmaster Prep Course and Exam
- or anything in between
 you choose
- Quality Experience in tidal waters including adventurous circumnavigation of UK
- Modern, high spec yachts
- Individual attention max 5 students per course (max 4 for exams)
- Careers advice and support
- Good base facilities
 just 45 minutes from London

Fast Track Sail – 16 Weeks

 Including around Britain: 2,500 Miles, 77 days at sea

Fast Track Motor

• 11 Weeks direct or take Fast Track Sail and then Power Conversion



Professional Yachtmaster Training for Sail and Motor

Yachtmaster Certificates of Competence

RYA Yachtmaster certificates are recognised world-wide as the gold standard in yachting qualifications. They are essential entry qualifications to work anywhere as a skipper or deck officer. For leisure sailors they demonstrate that you have achieved the high standard of skill and seamanship necessary to sail safely anywhere in the world. Certificates are awarded for sail or power craft and are graded Coastal (up to 20 Miles from shore), Offshore (up to 150 Miles) and Ocean (unlimited). Shore-based training is common to sail and power; practical training and examination is separate.

The Yachtmaster Examination

The RYA/MCA Yachtmaster examination is a tough, objective test of your ability as a skipper at sea. An independent RYA examiner

An independent RYA examiner will assess your skills as a seaman and skipper and your professional knowledge. You do not need to be superhuman to pass – but you must



demonstrate competence and confidence as a skipper. Our training will help you to develop all the skills you need and, as the training progresses, you will feel growing confidence in your own ability.

To apply for the exam there are minimum experience requirements according to the grade (Coastal. Offshore, Ocean). All qualifying experience must have been in vessels under 24 metres and 50% of it must be in tidal waters. You also need the knowledge and skills to pass the exam. If you believe you have the experience, skill and knowledge, we can arrange the exam aboard your vessel or ours. Usually this is done as a part of a Yachtmaster Preparation Course and Exam over 7 days (sail) and 5 or 6 days (motor).

Fast Track - Training and Experience

The Elite Sailing Fast Track Professional Yachtmaster courses are complete, full-time training programmes designed to take you from beginner level right up to the RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal or Offshore Certificates of Competence with a Commercial Endorsement.

They include all required classroom and practical training in the tidal waters around South-East England and all the necessary experiencebuilding sailing in a 47 day circumnavigation of Great Britain. But if you already have experience we can take that into account and adjust the course content and price or even design a bespoke course for you.

Yachtmaster Fast Track

Training Pathways

Fast Track (Sail) 15 weeks to YM Offshore 10 weeks to YM Coastal

7 weeks

Basic Training

Competent Crew Day Skipper Theory Day Skipper Practical Coastal Skipper/ Yachtmaster Theory VHF Marine Radio Sea Survival First Aid Diesel Engine Radar and Electronics Advanced Boat Handling Coastal Skipper Practical

Experience-Building (Sail)

YM (Offshore)	7 weeks
47 Days Adventurous	
Sailing Around Britain	
YM (Coastal)	1 week
7 Days Adventure Sailing	

Advanced Training	2 weeks
Advanced Sailing Skills	
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Self-Skippering Session Advanced Boat Handling

Yachtmaster Preparation 1 week

and Exam (7 days)

Power Conversion Training	4 days
manning	
Boat Handling and Pilota	ige

RYA Instructor Training * 5 Day Cruising Instructor Course

MCA Qualifications * Master 200 tons and 500 tons

* For further details see accompanying pages

Fast Track (Motor)

11 weeks to YM Offshore 7 weeks to YM Coastal

Basic Training

5 weeks

Helmsman Day Skipper Theory Day Skipper Practical Coastal Skipper/ Yachtmaster Theory VHF Marine Radio First Aid Diesel Engine Sea Survival Radar and Electronics Advanced Boat Handling Coastal Skipper Practical

Experience Building (Motor)

YM (Offshore) Direct	5 weeks
35 days passage-making	
YM (Coastal) Direct	1 week
7 days passage-making	
Power Conversion as	s required

Yachtmaster Preparation

1 week

and Exam (5/6 days)

Commercial Endorsement *

To work as a skipper you will need a commercial endorsement. The exact requirement will depend on the types of vessel and work. See the accompanying information.

STCW Courses *

To work on larger yachts (over 24 metres) as crew at any level its essential to acquire a set of 'STCW' qualifications comprising Personal Survival, First Aid, Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities and Fire Fighting. This is normally a 5 days package as an optional extra. With STCW qualifications your Yachtmaster Certificate can be endorsed 'Valid for use... as Master of Yachts up to 200gt.



What qualities or experience do you need? Well, firstly you need to enjoy the sea-going life. You don't need any prior qualifications but you need to have experienced a minimum of 5 days and 100 Miles as crew of a sailing or motor yacht. We can provide this introductory course if you wish. You need to be able to get on with people generally. You need to be reasonably fit and, if you plan to sail commercially, pass a basic medical examination. Above all you need to be ready for some hard work, challenge and commitment.

If you already have relevant experience or qualifications that will be a great benefit. We may even be able to cut some early elements from the course and save you time and money. However, we recommend that if possible you complete the course from the beginning – especially the practical sailing. This ensures a stronger foundation and allows you to convert the extra experience into even higher skill levels.

Achievement

Fast track courses aren't just about time spent at sea and passing exams. On the sailing circumnavigation you will visit a huge variety of seaports in the UK and abroad (30 to 40 on each course), including everything from big cities to tiny fishing ports and some remote and beautiful places. There will be time to enjoy these places too. For most of the course you will be in a small group of students – maximum five – whom you'll get to know quite well. But you will also sail with many other people on training courses and adventure trips and you'll meet others during shore visits. By the end of your time with us you will have enjoyed a rich experience of travel and adventure, made new friends, and acquired the skills, knowledge and qualifications to skipper a yacht anywhere.

Adventure Sailing

At Elite Sailing we see limited value in generating miles by long offshore passages or repetitive cruising in the same area. Instead, we have developed the adventure sailing programme around Britain as a highly effective training vehicle offering rich experience as crew and skipper in varied and challenging waters and weather conditions. Its more interesting and enjoyable too!

Fast Track Prospectus 2024

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Fast Track Prospectus 2024 Dates and Prices

	(all dates)	£9,600
Full standard course for Yachtmaster (Coastal) Sail	(hi season) (lo season)	£5,445 £5,225
Full standard Course for Yachtmaster (Offshore) Motor (direct route, al	l dates)	£POA
Full standard course for Yachtmaster (Coastal) Motor (direct route, all o	dates)	£POA
 Included in these prices: All individual courses shown in the relevant programme summary All essential training materials, books, charts etc RYA logbook, RYA course booklets for crew skills, day skipper and yachtm All yacht operating expenses during practical sailing (ie berthing, fuel, gas Accommodation (1 berth in a shared cabin) during practical training All meals aboard during practical training (except motor courses) Use of Elite Sailing wet weather clothing (jacket and trousers) 		
Not included in these prices:RYA feesVHYachtmaster Exam	F exam and licence (offshore) or (coastal)	£70 £231 £200
Additional books and materials at the student's discretion Accommodation and meals during shore-based training (Accommodation can be included as an extra. See below) Accommodation and meals during days off (see individual programmes for Sailing footwear, hats, warm clothing, sleeping bags etc Travel to/from Chatham (or to other locations in London or Kent in the car Costs of STCW training which are optional Cost of Personal Medical – ML5 or Eng 1 (required only for commercial en Personal travel and cancellation insurance	ase of sea survival cou	urses)
Shorebased Accommodation Supplement (max 14 nights) <i>Aboard a yacht if available. Otherwise in local B&B on shared room basis</i>	£750 or £50	per night
Abourd a yacht if avallable. Otherwise in local bab on sharea room basis		
Sail to Power Conversion – Basic Training to CS	(5 days)	£1,375
	(5 days) (per day aboard)	£1,375 £405
Sail to Power Conversion – Basic Training to CS Yachtmaster (Power) – Experience-building for conversion		
Sail to Power Conversion – Basic Training to CS Yachtmaster (Power) – Experience-building for conversion Includes fuel and operating costs but not meals	(per day aboard)	£405
Sail to Power Conversion – Basic Training to CS Yachtmaster (Power) – Experience-building for conversion Includes fuel and operating costs but not meals Yachtmaster Prep Course and Exam (Power Conversion)	(per day aboard) (2 days)	£405 £1,375

Programme Summary 2024 Fast Track 1

Dates	Activity	Туре	Certificates
Sun 25 February	Induction (Join at 1700)		
26 Feb - 1 March	Crew Skills Course (Start 0900)	5 days at sea	RYA Competent Crew
2 - 6 March	Theory 1 (Navigation & Seamanship) (Sat - Wed 0900 - 1700)	5 days classroom	RYA Day Skipper Theory
Thu 7 March	VHF/GMDSS Short Range Certificate Course (0900 - 1830)	1 day classroom	GMDSS/SRC
Fri 8 March	First Aid Course (0930 - 1700)	1 day classroom	RYA First Aid at Sea
Sat 9 March	Sea Survival Course (0900 - 1700)	1 day pool/classroom	RYA Sea Survival Course
Sun 10 March	Diesel Engine Course (0930 - 1600)	1 day classroom	RYA Diesel Engine
11 - 15 March	Basic Skipper Training (Start Mon 0900 - Fri 1600)	5 days at sea	RYA Day Skipper
16, 17, 18 March	Break	3 days off	
19 - 24 March	Theory 2 (Advanced Navigation and Meteorology) Tue - Sun 0900 - 1700	6 days classroom	RYA CS/YM Theory
25 - 29 March	Day Skipper Skills Extension (Start Mon 0900)	5 days at sea	
30, 31 March	Boat Handling Course (Sat, Sun 0900 - 1700)	2 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Sat 30 March
1 - 5 April	Advanced Skipper Training (Start 0900)	5 days at sea	RYA Coastal Skipper
6 - 12 April	Optional Break	7 days off	Free from 1700 on Sat 6 April until 1800 on Fri 12 April
12 April - 29 May	Extended Adventure Cruise. Around Britain 1	47 days at sea	Start 1800 on Fri 12 April. Finish 1100 on Wed 29 May.
29 May - 31 May	Break	2 days off	Free from 1100 on Wed 29 May until 0900 on Fri 31 May
31 May	RYA Radar Course	1 day classroom	RYA Radar Certificate
3, 4 June	Sailing Skills Training Course	2 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Mon 3 June
5, 6, 7 June	Independent Sailing Session	3 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Wed 5 June
8, 9 June	Advanced Boat Handling Course	2 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Sat 8 June
10 - 14 June	Yachtmaster Preparation	5 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Mon 10 June
15, 16 June	Yachtmaster Examinations	2 days at sea	RYA/MCA Yachtmaster
As Required	Professional Practices and Responsibilities Course (PPR)	Online	Required for commercial endorsement
Sun 16 June	Departure		

Programme Summary 2024 Fast Track 2

Dates	Activity	Туре	Certificates
Sun 21 April	Induction (Join at 1700)		
Mon 22 - 26 Apr	Crew Skills Course (Start at 0900)	5 days at sea	RYA Competent Crew
Sat 27 Apr - 1 May	Theory 1 (Navigation & Seamanship) Sat - Wed 0900 - 1700	5 days classroom	RYA Day Skipper Theory
Thu 2 May	VHF/GMDSS Short Range Certificate Course and Exam (0900 - 1830)	1 day classroom	GMDSS/SRC
Fri 3 May	First Aid Course (0930 - 1600)	1 day classroom	RYA First Aid at Sea
Sat 4 May	Sea Survival Course (0900 - 1700)	1 day pool/classroom	RYA Sea Survival
Sun 5 May	Diesel Engine Course (0930 - 1600)	1 day classroom	RYA Diesel Engine
Mon 6 - 10 May	Basic Skipper Training (Start Mon 0900 - Fri 1600)	5 days at sea	RYA Day Skipper
10, 11, 12 May	Break	3 days off	
Tue 14 - 19 May	Theory 2 (Advanced Navigation and Meteorology) (Tue - Sun 0900 - 1700)	6 days classroom	RYA CS/YM Theory
Mon 20 - 24 May	Day Skipper Skills Extension (Start Mon 0900)	5 days at sea	DS Experience Building
Sat 25 & 26 May	Boat Handling Course (Sat & Sun 0900 - 1700)	2 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Sat 25 May
Mon 27 - 31 May	Advanced Skipper Training (Start 0900)	5 days at sea	RYA Coastal Skipper
31 May - 7 June	Optional Break	7 days off	Free from 1700 on 31 May until 1800 on 7 June
Fri 7 June - 24 July	Extended Adventure Cruise. Around Britain 2	47 days at sea	Start 1800 on Fri 7 June. Finish 1100 on Wed 24 July.
24 - 28 July	Break	3 days off	Free from 1100 on 24 July until 0900 on 28 July
Sun 28 July	RYA Radar Course	1 day classroom	RYA Radar Certificate
Mon 29 & 30 July	Sailing Skills Training Course	2 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Mon 29 July
Wed 31 July - 2 Aug	Independent Sailing Session	3 days at sea	Start at 1800 on Wed 31 July
Sat 3 & 4 Aug	Advanced Boat Handling Course	2 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Sat 3 August
Mon 5 - 9 Aug	Yachtmaster Preparation	5 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Mon 5 August
Sat 10 & 11 Aug	Yachtmaster Examinations	2 days at sea	RYA/MCA Yachtmaster
As Required	Professional Practices and Responsibilities Course (PPR)	Online	Required for commercial endorsement
Sun 11 August	Departure		

Programme Summary 2024 Fast Track 3

Dates	Activity	Туре	Certificates
Sun 23 June	Induction (Join at 1700)		
24 - 28 June	Crew Skills Course (Start at 1800)	5 days at sea	RYA Competent Crew
29 June - 3 July	Theory 1 (Navigation and Seamanship) (Sat - Wed 0900 - 1700)	5 days classroom	RYA Day Skipper Theory
Thu 4 July	VHF/GMDSS Shore Range Certificate Course (0900 - 1830)	1 day classroom	GMDSS/SRC
Fri 5 July	First Aid Course (0930 - 1700)	1 day classroom	RYA First Aid at Sea
Sat 6 July	Sea Survival Course (0900 - 1700)	1 day pool/classroom	RYA Sea Survival
Sun 7 July	Diesel Engine Course (0930 - 1600)	1 day classroom	RYA Diesel Engine
8 - 12 July	Basic Skipper Training (Mon 0900 - Fri 1600)	5 days at sea	RYA Day Skipper
13, 14, 15 July	Break	3 days off	
16 - 21 July	Theory 2 (Advanced Navigation and Meteorology) Tue - Sun 0900 - 1700	6 days classroom	RYA CS/YM Theory
20, 21 July	Boat Handling Course (Sat, Sun 0900 - 1700)	2 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Sat 30 July
22 - 26 July	Day Skipper Skills Extension (Start Mon 0900)	5 days at sea	DS Experience Building
27, 28 July	Break	2 days off	Free from Fri 1600 to Mon 0900
29 July - 2 Aug	Advanced Skipper Training (Start 1800)	5 days at sea	RYA Coastal Skipper
2 - 9 August	Extended Adventure Cruise. Around Britian 3 (Week 1)	7 days at sea	Fri 2 - Fri 9 August
9 - 17 August	Optional Break	8 days off	Free from 1100 on 9 August until 1800 on 17 August
9 - 17 August	Optional Adventure Sailing. So'ton - St Malo - So'ton	8 days at sea	
17 August - 25 September	Extended Adventure Cruise. Around Britain 3 (Weeks 2 - 7)	39 days at sea	Start So'ton 1800 on Sat 17 Aug Finish Chatham 1100 on 25 Sep
25 September - 4 October	Break	10 days off	Free from 1100 on Wed 25 Sept until 0900 on Fri 4 October
4 October	RYA Radar Course	1 day classroom	RYA Radar Certificate
5, 6 October	Sailing Skills Training Course	2 days at sea	Start at 0900 on Sat 5 October
7 - 9 Oct	Independent Sailing Session	3 days at sea	Start 1800 on Mon 7 October
10, 11 Oct	Advanced Boat Handling Course	2 days at sea	Start at 0900 on 10 October
12 - 16 Oct	Yachtmaster Preparation	5 days at sea	Start on Sat 12 October
17, 18 Oct	Yachtmaster Examinations	2 days at sea	RYA/MCA Yachtmaster
As required	Professional Practices and Responsibilities Course (PPR)	Online	Required for commercial endorsement
Fri 18 October	Departure		

Programme Summary 2024 **Fast Track Yachtmaster Coastal (Sail)**

Dates by Arrangement

Activity	Туре	Certificates
Crew Skills Course (start 1800)	5 days at sea	RYA Competent Crew
Theory 1 (Navigation & Seamanship)	5 days classroom	RYA Day Skipper Theory
VHF/GMDSS Short Range Certificate Course and Exam	1 day classroom	Short Range Certificate
First Aid Course	1 day classroom	RYA First Aid
Diesel Engine Maintenance	1 day classroom	RYA Diesel Engine
Basic Skipper Training	5 days at sea	RYA Day Skipper
Theory 2 (Advanced Navigation)	6 days classroom	RYA Yachtmaster Theory
Radar and Electronics	1 day classroom	RYA Radar
Sea Survival	1 day classroom/pool	RYA Sea Survival
Advanced Boat Handling	2 days at sea	
Advanced Skipper Training	5 days at sea	RYA Coastal Skipper
Experience Building – 7 days adventure sailing cruise	7 days at sea	
Advanced Sailing Skills	4 days at sea	Optional at additional cost (See Note 1)
Yachtmaster Preparation and Exam	7 days at sea (5 days prep + 2 days exam)	RYA/MCA Yachtmaster (Coastal) Sail

Notes:

- 1. If you start as a beginner, this programme is an absolute minimum. We strongly recommend additional sailing experience to achieve a satisfactory level of skill. The Advanced Sailing Skills is a very useful addition.
- 2. All individual course elements are scheduled regularly every week for all practical courses and about every month for classroom courses. Programmes, including rest periods, are then assembled to order for each individual. The programme can run near-continuously or be broken into modules spread over a period of months or even a year.

Programme Summary 2024 **Fast Track Yachtmaster** (Motor)

Dates by Arrangement

Activity	Туре	Certificates
Basic Training (Common for Coastal and Offshore)		
Helmsman Course	2 days at sea	RYA Helmsman
Theory 1 (Navigation & Seamanship)	5 days classroom	RYA Day Skipper Theory
VHF/GMDSS Short Range Certificate Course and Exam	1 day classroom	Short Range Certificate
First Aid Course	1 day classroom	RYA First Aid
Diesel Engine Maintenance	1 day classroom	RYA Diesel Engine
Basic Skipper Training	4 days at sea	RYA Day Skipper (Motor)
Theory 2 (Advanced Navigation)	6 days classroom	RYA Yachtmaster Theory
Radar and Electronics	1 day classroom	RYA Radar
Sea Survival	1 day classroom/pool	RYA Sea Survival
Advanced Boat Handling	2 days at sea	
Advanced Skipper Training	5 days at sea	RYA Coastal Skipper (Motor)
Experience Building (Coastal Level Only) 7 days passage making	7 days at sea	
Experience Building (Offshore Level Only) 35 days passage making	35 days at sea	
Yachtmaster Preparation and Exam	5/6 days at sea (4 days prep + 1 or 2 days exam)	RYA/MCA Yachtmaster (Coastal) Power or (Offshore) Power

Notes:

- 1. If you start as a beginner, these programmes are a minimum requirement. For the Coastal level we strongly recommend additional practical experience to achieve a satisfactory level of skill. For the offshore level the experience building element should be ample to achieve the required skill level.
- 2. All courses can be adjusted for content and length to suit individual experience.

Working as a Yachtmaster

Commercial Endorsements

A commercial endorsement is printed on your RYA Certificate of Competence to show that you have undergone additional training and a medical fitness examination to work on commercial vessels. There are two kinds of endorsement.

The **standard commercial endorsement** allows you to work on British-flagged vessels subject to the codes of practice for small commercial vessels.

For this you will need to complete the following:

An RYA Sea Survival course (1 day) or STCW Personal Survival Techniques course (PST) (1 day)

The Professional Practices and Responsibilities Course

This is an on-line course completed through the RYA Interactive website (Enrol through Elite Sailing). The fee is currently £45 and is included in the Fast Track course.

A personal medical examination recorded on either an ML5 or Eng 1 form.

This type of commercial endorsement is sufficient for the vast majority of skippers working in sailing schools, yacht charter and delivery companies in the UK and overseas.

The **STCW commercial endorsement** will satisfy the requirements of some non-UK authorities who want to see that your training is endorsed by a national maritime authority (in this case the MCA). It will also enable you to work as crew on large commercial and private vessels worldwide. For this endorsement you will need to take 4 additional short courses (STCW courses). See below for details. You will also need to have a personal medical examination recorded on either an ML5 or an Eng 1. You then need to send your YM certificate to the RYA with copies of each of the 4 STCW course certificates and the medical certificate.

Your Yachtmaster Certificate can be endorsed when it is first issued, or later. In either case you need to complete a commercial endorsement application form and pay a small fee.

STCW

This refers to 'Standards of Training and Certification for Watchkeepers', a convention of the International Maritime Organisation. To comply with the STCW convention all seafarers on commercial ships must have completed 4 short courses: Personal Survival Techniques (PST – 1 day), Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (PSSR – 1 day), Elementary First Aid (EFA – 1 day) and Fire Prevention and Fire fighting (FPFF – 2 days). Certificates are awarded for each of these courses.

For comprehensive information about commercial endorsements, including application forms, we refer you to the RYA website.

MCA Certificates of Competence

The RYA Yachtmaster Certificates of Competence (CoC) as they stand may not be accepted by some non-UK authorities as sufficient for skippers of non-UK flagged vessels. In such cases it may be desirable to obtain an MCA CoC 'Master of Yachts 200 gt'. To obtain the MCA CoC you first need the RYA Yachtmaster CoC and then pass an MCA oral examination. The subject matter of the exam is much the same as the Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster shore-based course but there is also coverage of maritime law, ship stability and bridge management. To give confidence in a pass and focus on appropriate topics its usual to attend an oral preparation course of about 5 days. We can arrange the prep course and MCA oral examination for you.

Booking and Payment

Reserve Your Place

To reserve a place, call us on **01634 890512** or email **fred@elitesailing.co.uk**. We will confirm availability and make a provisional reservation that we will hold for 5 working days pending receipt of a completed booking form and deposit. A special booking form and booking conditions are enclosed with this prospectus.

An initial deposit of 25% is required to secure a place. This deposit is not returnable if you cancel for any reason.

The remaining balance is payable in 2 further instalments: 50% (of the remaining balance) by 8 weeks (56 days) before the fast-track course starts and the final balance 14 days before the course start date.

Insurance

The school and yachts carry comprehensive marine insurance. However, we strongly recommend that you take out adequate personal insurance to cover loss of personal property, illness or cancellation or curtailment of the course due to your own circumstances. Any policy should be valid for sailing as trainee crew in yachts in coastal waters of the UK and NW Europe up to a maximum of 60 miles from a safe haven on individual trips of up to 3 days maximum duration away from a safe haven and for trips totalling up to 90 days in a 16-week period.







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