

# Coastal Skipper / Yachtmaster Theory Course

## Course Outline

This is an advanced course in navigation and meteorology for more experienced skippers and particularly to prepare candidates for Yachtmaster examinations. It includes revision of some aspects of the day skipper shore-based course syllabus but is wider in scope and treats the subject matter in much more depth. It provides all the theoretical knowledge needed to skipper and navigate a yacht safely in tidal waters, inshore or offshore, by day or night.

You will join a small group of other students with similar interests and share the enjoyment of learning new skills. The lessons are interactive so you will have time to complete exercises yourself in class and take part in discussions. There is some homework set after each session and we go over any difficulties at the beginning of the following session. On successful completion of the examination at the end of the course you will be awarded the RYA Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster Shorebased course certificate.

## Format Options

**Intensive Courses at Chatham:** 6 Days (Tue – Sun)

[Distance Learning \(Home Study\)](#)

## Previous Knowledge/Experience

**Theory:** Day Skipper Theory Certificate – or equivalent knowledge and experience of navigation of small craft in coastal, tidal waters.

**Practical:** Day Skipper Practical – and/or some experience as a skipper of a small vessel in coastal waters. If you have no prior knowledge we recommend that you consult an instructor before enrolling.

## Age

**There is no minimum or maximum age limit.**

## Achievement (certificate awarded and ability after the course)

You will have the theoretical knowledge required for the Coastal Skipper Practical course or for the Yachtmaster examinations.

## What's Included

**Yours to Keep:**

RYA student pack comprising practice charts, Yachtmaster Course Notes booklet, RYA Exercises, RYA Electronic, Training Charts, Training Almanac, Navigation Handbook.

### **Additional items needed:**

Portland Plotter and Dividers. For 6 days courses at Chatham these are available on free loan for the duration of the course. For distance learning, students must have their own plotter and dividers. They are available for sale for you to purchase these with the course booking or on arrival on the first evening.

### **Course Structures:**

**Intensive courses at Chatham.** These are ideal to 'get the job done' in minimum time. They are held on our beautiful Dutch Sailing Klipper 'Maaik Maria' at our [Chatham Marina base](#). – less than an hour from central London. Class times are 0900 to 1700 each day. There is an examination on day 6. Your papers are marked the same day and if you pass you leave with your certificate. We may occasionally schedule the examination day on a day in the following week rather than the Saturday. We also recognise that some students may not be quite ready to take the exams immediately after the course. So you can always ask to either do the exam paper at home (as for distance learning) or you can arrange to come in on another date when we have a free classroom and someone who can invigilate.

### **What will I need to bring?**

You should bring a personal notebook, a pencil and soft eraser. For intensive courses we provide tea/coffee and drinking water. You should bring a packed lunch or money to buy something from local outlets. Drinking water may be available at some venues but its best to be self-sufficient.

### **Books**

There is no essential requirement for pre-course reading. However, if your day skipper theory knowledge is very rusty we would recommend some prior study – especially before the intensive courses. See Downloads

### **Next Steps**

[Coastal Skipper Practical Course](#) where you will learn how to apply this knowledge in the real environment.

### **Downloads**

- [Recommended Packing List](#)
- [Directions to Elite Sailing at Chatham Marina](#)
- [Recommended Reading List for Coastal Skipper Theory](#)

