



RYA Level 2 Powerboat Handling Course

Course Provided by Guardian Marine Training

Guardian Marine Training, Kent's foremost RYA Powerboat and PWC Training Centre has been providing professional powerboat training at Chatham Marina on the River Medway for over 20 years. With first class equipment and a team of experienced instructors we offer the full range of powerboat training courses from absolute beginner to the Advanced Powerboat Course and Exam. We offer the Personal Watercraft Proficiency course and Instructor courses for both Powerboats and PWCs. You couldn't come to a better place to get professional and enjoyable training.

Course Outline

The RYA Level 2 Powerboat Course is a complete two-day course that provides all the skills and background knowledge required to take charge of a powerboat in moderate conditions and primarily in daylight. The course completion certificate is sufficient to support an application for the International Certificate of Competence (ICC). This is primarily a hands-on practical course with most of the training conducted on the water aboard our Humber 7.5 metre RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat). You will learn to prepare the vessel and crew for sea and how to drive and manoeuvre the RIB at slow and high-speed including docking in the marina, mooring, anchoring and dealing with emergencies such as man-overboard. There is also a classroom element covering powerboat designs, safety equipment and procedures, nautical charts, basic navigation methods, electronic navigation systems, tides, (levels and streams), passage planning and Rules of the Road. You will be part of a crew of 3 students and one instructor. We provide all safety equipment and waterproof clothing if required.

Remember that there is world of difference between someone who drives a fast powerboat without training and someone who has completed this RYA course.

Format

2 Days Non-Residential. Course Times 0930 to 1700 each day. Standard courses run with one instructor to a maximum of 3 students, so you get plenty of hands-on time.

Private courses for between 1 and 3 people can also be arranged. Contact the office for details.

Essential Pre-Course Knowledge/Experience

No previous knowledge or experience required. But see recommendations for pre-reading.

Location

Courses on our RIB run from our base at Chatham Maritime Marina. This base is on the River Medway and has excellent road and rail connections with M25 and the Dartmouth crossing only 15 minutes away London less than one hour.

Age

Minimum age: 12 years old

(Note: children aged 12 to 15 may be awarded the certificate but it must be endorsed: 'while aged under 16, holder should only use a powered craft under the supervision of a responsible adult')

Achievement (certificate awarded and ability after the course)

RYA Level 2 Powerboat Handling Course completion certificate. This is a driving licence style certificate with photo ID. You will be able to take charge as skipper of a small powerboat in daylight in sheltered inland or coastal waters .

The RYA certificate will serve as evidence of competence to obtain the [International Certificate of Competence](#).

You can then apply to the RYA for issue of the ICC for powered vessels up to 10 metres in length. No additional training is required. If you require an ICC for vessels greater in length than 10 metres, you should take courses leading to the RYA Day Skipper (Motor) Course Completion certificate.

What's Included

Services of a qualified RYA Powerboat Instructor on a 7.5 metre RIB in a group of maximum 3 students, RYA Course Completion Certificate, use of our safety equipment (gas inflatable lifejacket), wet weather outer clothing (jacket and trousers). There are no essential extras but you may want to buy one or two books (see below). We do not provide food or drink. There are food outlets and cafes nearby the marina but we suggest that you bring a packed lunch and your own drinks.

What will I need to bring?

There is no essential need for any specialist clothing or equipment. However, you should bring clothing to suit the likely weather and bearing in mind that its always cooler on the water and even colder at speed. If you have your own wet weather clothing you should bring it. But if not you are welcome to use our kit (jacket and trousers). This will keep you dry but not necessarily warm so additional layers are advisable in cold weather. Of course in the summer, shorts are often appropriate. Bring footwear to suit the weather. In dry weather in summer deck shoes or trainers are fine. If it rains your feet will get wet in which case either bring a spare pair to change into afterwards or wear sea boots (not gardening wellies!) In cold weather sea boots are strongly advised. Further information is provided in the suggested packing list – see below under Downloads.

Whatever you bring, if you are not wearing it bring it in a small bag that you can leave in your car or in our classroom. Sessions on the water will not exceed 3 hours so you will have access during the course.

Books

There is no essential pre-course reading, but we recommend the following books prior to or during the course:

These are available online from the RYA website or you can buy them in our reception at Chatham.
Start Powerboating (G48 – Provided with the course)
RYA Powerboat Scheme Syllabus and Log Book (G20)

Downloads

- Level 2 Powerboat Course Syllabus - <https://www.elitesailing.co.uk/course-syllabus/rya-level-2-powerboat-handling-syllabus/>
- [Recommended Packing List](#)
- [Directions to Elite Sailing at Chatham Marina](#)