



Welcome to the AOSC Powerboat Course programme. Should you have any questions or need any advice on any of the courses we provide please contact Darren Kirkham the ASA Regional Trainer:

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[Email the Regional Coach](#)

For Practical Courses please click

The ASA offers a range of RYA practical powerboat training courses. The table below details the main suite of courses available for the ARMY OFFSHORE SAILING CENTRE (AOSC).

If the dates below do not suit and you have a minimum of 3 candidates, then please contact Darren Kirkham and subject to availability we could run a bespoke course.

If you are looking for other RYA Powerboat Level 2 or safety boat dates then you should look at the ARMY INSHORE SAILING CENTRE (AISTC), NUFFIELD SAILING CENTRE, EPISKOPI SERVICES SAILING CLUB, DHEKELIA SERVICES SAILING CLUB.

Which is right for you? Scroll down for course details and dates

For Powerboat Instructor Enquiries please contact the ASA Regional Trainer – Darren Kirkham.

RYA

POWERBOAT

COURSES



The RYA powerboat courses are primarily for those using open powered craft such as RIBs and sportsboats, and also for the professional open boat skipper who is required to prove their competence or provide certification for work.

Course	Assumed knowledge	Course content	Ability after the course	Minimum duration	Minimum age
Level 1	None	Boating safety, boat handling and basic theory	A basic understanding of powerboating	1 day	8
Level 2	None	Close quarters boat handling, planing speed manoeuvres, man overboard recovery and collision regulations	Able to handle a powerboat in familiar waters by day	2 days	12
Intermediate	Boat handling to Level 2 standard. Navigation to Day Skipper shorebased standard recommended	Daytime navigation skills, passage planning, use of plotting instruments, GPS and electronic navigation	Able to navigate a powerboat on coastal passages by day	2 days	16
Advanced	Boat handling to Intermediate standard. Navigation to Coastal Skipper/ Yachtmaster™ Offshore	Skippering techniques for coastal passages including night pilotage	Able to navigate a powerboat on coastal passages by day and night	2 days	17
Safety Boat	Powerboat Level 2 certificate required	Recovery techniques for various craft and fleet management	Able to provide safety cover in a racing or training environment	2 days	16
Tender Operator	Powerboat Level 2 certificate required with coastal endorsement	Passenger safety and comfort, basic day and night pilotage, emergency situations	Able to carry out short ship to shore transfers by day and night	2 days	17



Recommended books



Start Powerboating



Powerboat Handbook



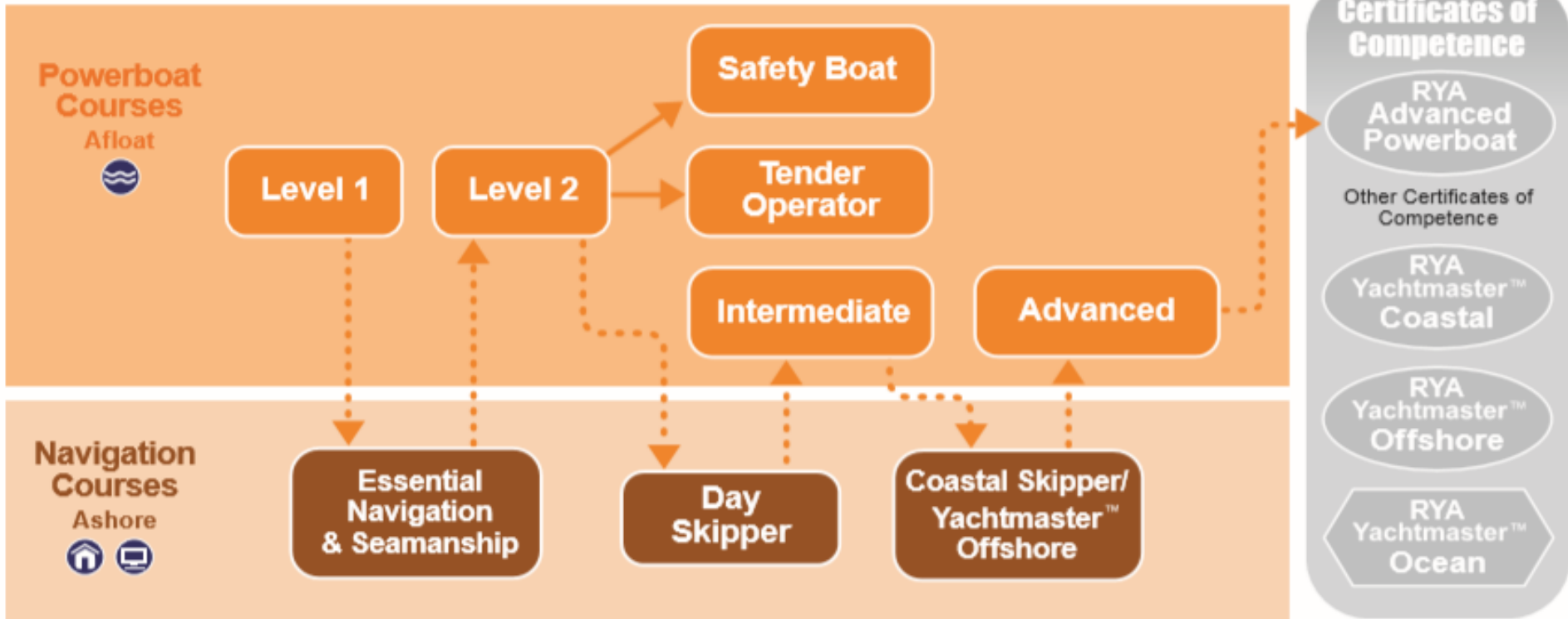
Advanced Powerboat handbook



POWERBOAT COURSES



Start your training with a course appropriate to your experience - you don't have to start at the beginning. Our recommended path through the courses is shown below.



Refer to the Certificates of Competence leaflet for details

KEY	afloat	ashore	online	Necessary completion of preceding course.	Practical exam afloat.
				Recommended progression.	Oral exam ashore.

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RYA POWERBOAT LEVEL 2

The course is designed to give you the required skills and help build your confidence to enable you to undertake coastal passages in daylight hours under settled weather conditions.

Course Requirements

Assumed knowledge	No prior experience required.
Suggested Pre-course Experience	None
Minimum duration	2 days
Minimum age	18
Course content	All you need to know for self-sufficient powerboating at a basic level. Course includes launching, mooring, anchoring and recovery plus all the boat driving skills required for basic competence in a powerboat
Ability after the course	Self-sufficient powerboater in the right conditions, aware of own limitations and those of craft

Powerboat Level 2 Course Dates 2025

Course Number	Course Dates	Duration	Cost	Booking
2PB01/25	19 – 20 May 25	2 days	£229	Sailing@britisharmysport.com
2PB02/25	09 – 10 Jun 25	2 days	£229	Sailing@britisharmysport.com
2PB03/25	24 – 25 Jun 25	2 days	£229	Sailing@britisharmysport.com
2PB04/25	09 - 10 Jul 25	2 days	£229	Sailing@britisharmysport.com
2PB05/25	04 – 05 Aug 25	2 days	£229	Sailing@britisharmysport.com

RYA INTERMEDIATE POWERBOAT – AOSC

The course is designed to give you the required skills and help build your confidence to enable you to undertake coastal passages in daylight hours under settled weather conditions.

Course Requirements

Assumed knowledge	Boat handling to the standard of Level 2 Powerboat Handling Course, with a Coastal Endorsement. First Aid Certificate and VHF/DSC Certificate is Strongly recommended.
Suggested Pre-course Experience	Knowledge to the level of Day Skipper theory is recommended. Familiar with the RYA Powerboat Syllabus and Logbook (G20)
Minimum duration	2 days
Minimum age	18
Course content	Planning a day Cruise, boat preparation, boat handling, pilotage, passage making, MOB
Ability after the course	Able to plan and safely execute a short coastal passage by day.

Intermediate Powerboat Course Dates 2025

Course Number	Course Dates	Duration	Cost	Booking
IPB01/25	13 - 14 Feb 25	2 days	£259	Sailing@britisharmysport.com
IPB02/25	08 – 09 Sep 25	2 days	£259	Sailing@britisharmysport.com
IPB03/25	25 – 26 Sep 25	2 Days	£259	Sailing@britisharmysport.com
IPB04/25	08 – 09 Oct 25	2 days	£259	Sailing@britisharmysport.com

IPB05/25	06 – 07 Nov 25	2 days	£259	Sailing@britisharmysport.com
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RYA ADVANCED POWERBOAT – AOSC

This course is for powerboat users wanting to undertake more adventurous trips by day and night. It includes navigation at planning speed, weather and other aspects of skippering powerboats on more challenging passages in coastal waters.

Assumed knowledge/Pre course experience	Candidates should be competent to the standard of the Intermediate Powerboat Certificate with a thorough knowledge of the navigation and chartwork to the level of Coastal Skipper/RYA Yacht master Shorebased certificate. It is strongly recommended that candidates hold a first aid certificate and a VHF operators' certificate.
Minimum duration	2 days including at least 1 night navigation exercise
Minimum age	18
Course content	Preparation for sea, boat handling, passage making and responsibility as skipper, pilotage, meteorology, rules of the road, use of engines, emergency situations, night cruising
Ability after the course	Able to plan and execute coastal trips and return to a familiar port by night

Advanced Powerboat Course Dates 2025

Course Number	Course Dates	Duration	Cost	Booking
APB02/25	27 – 28 Feb 25	2 days	£269	sailing@britisharmysport.com
APB03/25	13 – 14 Nov 25	2 days	£269	sailing@britisharmysport.com

ADVANCED POWERBOAT BUILDER HOURS – RYA ADVANCED CERT REQUIRED

This course is designed for powerboaters who have passed their RYA Advanced Certificate of Competence and require the opportunity to get some ‘on the water’ practice consolidating the skills learnt on their Intermediate powerboat course – the day will focus on close quarter skills and the planning and execution of a passage.

Assumed knowledge	Candidates will have an RYA Powerboat Advanced Certificate of Competence.
Pre-course Experience	Anybody undertaking this course must have the RYA Advanced Powerboat course COC Certificate
Minimum duration	1 day including at least 1 night navigation exercise
Minimum age	17
Course content	Will reinforce the skills learnt on the Advanced Powerboat course, by planning and conducting a practical day/evening passage & building on your boat handling skills.
Ability after the course	Able to plan and execute coastal trips and return to a familiar port by night

Advanced Powerboat Builder Hours Dates 2025

Course Number	Course Dates	Duration	Cost	Booking
APBB01/25	23 Oct 25	1 day	£189	sailing@britisharmysport.com

ADVANCED POWERBOAT NIGHT BUILDER HOURS (ADVANCED CERTIFICATE REQUIRED)

Advanced Powerboat Night Builder Hours Dates 2025

Course Number	Course Dates	Duration	Cost	Booking
APNB01/25	21 Mar 25	1 day	£189	sailing@britisharmysport.com

RYA POWERBOAT INSTRUCTOR SKILLS ASSESSMENT – Booked as part of the Powerboat Instructor course

This course is the one of the pre-requisites for attendance on the Powerboat instructor course. You must pass this before you can attend

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate competence in the following – in line with RYA	Hold off a mark Pick up and secure to a buoy Moor alongside Up/down tide Turn using warps Turn in a confined space	Recover a man overboard (dummy) Stop and start the engine Planning speed turns including figure 8 and 'U' turns Theory including charts, tides, buoyage, col regs & pilotage
Pre-course Experience	Five seasons experience of powerboating logged (preferably in range of boat types and sizes) OR one season for those who use powerboats as an integral part of their normal full-time occupation.	
Prerequisites	Recognised First Aid Certificate accepted by the RYA- click here - first-aid RYA Powerboat Instructor Skills Assessment RYA Powerboat Level 2 Certificate Health declaration form or Medical Declaration	
Minimum duration	Minimum - 4hrs course	
Minimum age	16	

RYA POWERBOAT INSTRUCTOR

This course is designed for experienced powerboaters who would like to Teach RYA level 1, 2 and if you posses the qualification the RYA Safety Boat course at a recognised training centre.

Assumed knowledge	Candidates will have a knowledge to the level of RYA Essential Navigation and Seamanship.
Pre-course Experience	Five seasons experience of powerboating logged (preferably in range of boat types and sizes) OR one season for those who use powerboats as an integral part of their normal full-time occupation.
Pre requisites	Recognised First Aid Certificate accepted by the RYA- click here - first-aid RYA Powerboat Instructor Skills Assessment RYA Powerboat Level 2 Certificate Health declaration form or Medical Declaration

Minimum duration	3 Day course (4 days – if Skills assessment is included)
Minimum age	16
Course content	The course will develop the student's skills to enable you to teach the RYA syllabus.

Powerboat Instructor with Skills assessment 2025

Course Number	Course Dates	Duration	Cost	Booking
PBI01/25	07 – 10 Apr 25	4 days	£299	sailing@britisharmysport.com

RYA ADVANCED POWERBOAT INSTRUCTOR

This course is designed for experienced powerboat Instructors who wish to teach the RYA Tender Operators, Intermediate and advanced courses at a Recognised Training Centre.

Assumed knowledge	Recommended to hold the RYA Yacht Master Theory qualification. As a minimum you should have knowledge to level of. The ability to explain any aspect of the advanced course within the constraints of the syllabus. Have considerable amount of night boating experience so that you can manage a boat safely and the ability to teach. Have a considerable amount of boating experience in a wide array of boats and conditions.
Pre-course Experience	Must possess the following qualifications; RYA Powerboat Instructor RYA Short Range certificate RYA Advanced Powerboat Certificate Pass the RYA/MCA Advanced powerboat certificate of competence Examination or the RYA/MCA Yacht master Coastal (power) certificate of competence or the yacht master Offshore (power) certificate of competence.
Minimum duration	2 days including a night exercise. The course requires a minimum of 2 candidates and has a maximum of 3.
Minimum age	18
Course content	Expect to deliver a pre prepared talk from the advanced syllabus, debrief boat handling manoeuvres and manage part of a night exercise as an instructor.
Ability after the course	On successful completion you will be able to instruct; The RYA Tender Operators course, the Intermediate and Advanced Powerboat Courses.

Advanced Powerboat Instructor 2025

Course Number	Course Dates	Duration	Cost	Booking
PBI01/25	30 – 31 Jan 25	2 days	£299	sailing@britisharmysport.com