

## RYA YACHTMASTER COASTAL/OFFSHORE PREP POWER JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

The date of your RYA Yachtmaster Coastal/Offshore Prep practical course is rapidly approaching! I hope you are looking forward to it.

The course starts and finishes in our Centre near Kinlochleven, PH50 4RL. If arriving from the north, please follow the B863 signposted Kinlochleven from North Ballachulish. Follow this road for approximately 8 miles, on your right hand side you will see 2 larch clad buildings, we are here. If arriving from the south, follow the B863 signposted Kinlochleven from Glencoe, follow this road all the way to Kinlochleven and drive out of the other side of the village for approximately 1 mile. The 2 larch clad buildings will be on your left. Unless we have agreed other arrangements, your course starts around 0900 hours and finishes around 1700 hours.

The course starts and finishes iPowerboat, Kinlochleven, PH50 4QN. The start time is 0900, and we will meet in the training centre. Once you've parked up, please make your way around to the RYA Training Centre building to meet your instructor.

The course will finish at varied times each day, with two days being longer due to a night exercises being required. This time frame will change as we move throughout the year. Your instructor will let you know when the night exercise will take place once weather forecasts are reliable.

### You will need to bring:

- ✦ Waterproofs (oilskins or Fladen suit),
- ✦ Boiler suit when in the engine room, as we don't want your clothes getting dirty,
- ✦ Warm clothes,
- ✦ Gloves,
- ✦ Sea boots/wellies, or waterproof footwear, as the decks do get wet.
- ✦ Passport photograph
- ✦ Please bring a packed lunch

The Yachtmaster Coastal & Offshore Prep course runs over 4 days typically starting on a Monday. During this time your instructor will be preparing and practising exam theory and skills, before the examiner boards the vessel on the Friday morning for either 1 or 2 days of exams (maximum of 2 candidates per day). The initial day is used to familiarise yourself with the boat, including equipment, safety briefings, boat handling, anchoring and the broad subject of seamanship skills. During the second and third day you will hone in your navigation skills and plans around the Oban, Firth of Lorne and Sound of Mull areas. We intend to run a night navigation exercise on each of these nights. The final day is about polishing your skills and consolidating your knowledge ready for the exam.

In preparation for your exam, you will be asked to appraise and plan a longer distance passage (which you will not be required to execute). Your examiner will expect you to explain your plan, considering the route, hazards, tidal gates to name a few. Time during the course will be spent on developing this but some study in your own time will be required.

If you have any queries please contact me at the number below otherwise, I look forward to meeting you in on board.



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