



Reading Offshore Sailing Club



RYA/MSC DAY SKIPPER THEORY COURSE

AUTUMN 2016

Reading Offshore Sailing Club is an RYA recognised training centre and is authorised to run various shore-based courses to both members and non-members. It plans to run an RYA/MSC Day Skipper Theory Course starting this autumn.

COURSE:

The course is a comprehensive introduction to cruising for inexperienced skippers.

This is intended to provide basic knowledge and application to navigate around familiar waters by day. (An outline of lights is included to provide an introduction to night time cruising).

The course is taught over 40 hours (or a little more if needed) and there are two exam papers.

Course topics include:

- . the basics of seamanship
- . the essentials of coastal navigation and pilotage
- . chartwork
- . electronic charts
- . position fixing
- . plotting a course to steer
- . weather forecasting and meteorology
- . tides
- . collision regulations
- . construction, parts and equipment of a cruising boat
- . emergency and safety procedures including distress calls, use of flares, safety harnesses, lifejackets and life rafts

Ideally you will have some experience of sailing or power boating before undertaking the class as a familiarity with terms and activities make it easier to understand. However, the course has been successfully taken by those who have had very limited experience.

The course includes exercises, which are carried out as homework. You should plan for this as completion of the work allows the instructor to confirm that elements have been understood while giving the students practice and familiarity with the theories to be able to undertake the exams with confidence.

PLACE:

The Pearson Hall, High St, Sonning-on-Thames Berkshire RG4 6UL

TIME & DATES:

Beginning late September on largely alternate Saturdays from 9.00am-5.00pm.

COST:

Non-Members £210; Members £150. Membership (single) is currently £37 and if taken out now will include the ROSC Membership for 2017.

Included for the cost are:

Practice charts and practice almanac, Day Skipper text booklet, CD with practice electronic chart plotter to load to your computer, booklet with syllabus and exercises, Portland plotter and dividers, eraser and 2B pencil.

YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE:

Notebook, pen, pencil sharpener, lunch, drinks etc. (if you want any) and a computer with access to the internet to download the practice chart plotter.

If you wish to attend this course please email training@readingoffshore.org.uk as soon as possible to book your place.

Please include your phone number and any relevant information about yourself. We will then be in touch to arrange payment and organise acquisition of the course material.